





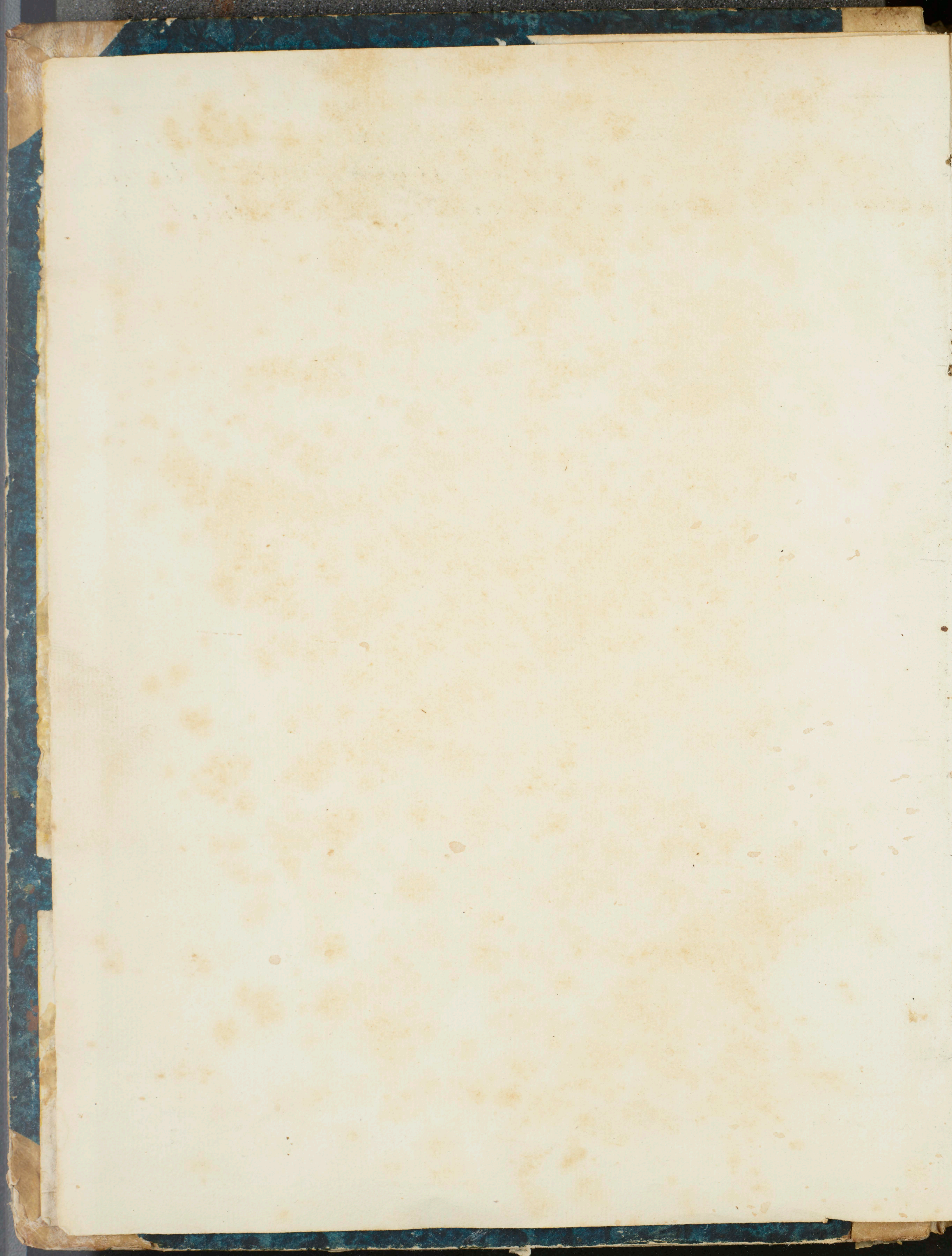




George M Stockbridge's  
Journal

Ship Gratitude  
New Bedford







*Roule*

For Working Ships Time by the Suns Setting  
Add together the Latitude and Polar distance  
and if the upper limb is observed subtract 53  
from the sum Note the half and Add 53 to it—  
which Sum is to be called the remainder. Then add  
together the Secant of the Latitude Coscant of the  
Polar distance Cosine of the half Sum and Sine  
of the remainder

Example

Logs Table 27<sup>th</sup>

Latitude  $46^{\circ} 02'$  — Secant — 15849

*P* Distance  $\frac{67}{112} = \frac{12}{11}$  - Correct. — 03533

$113 = 14 - " - " - " - " - "$

*Subtract — 00-53 — " — " — " = " " " "*

2) 12 = 21 — " — " — " — " — "

Half sum — 56 = 10 — Cosine — 9 = 74568

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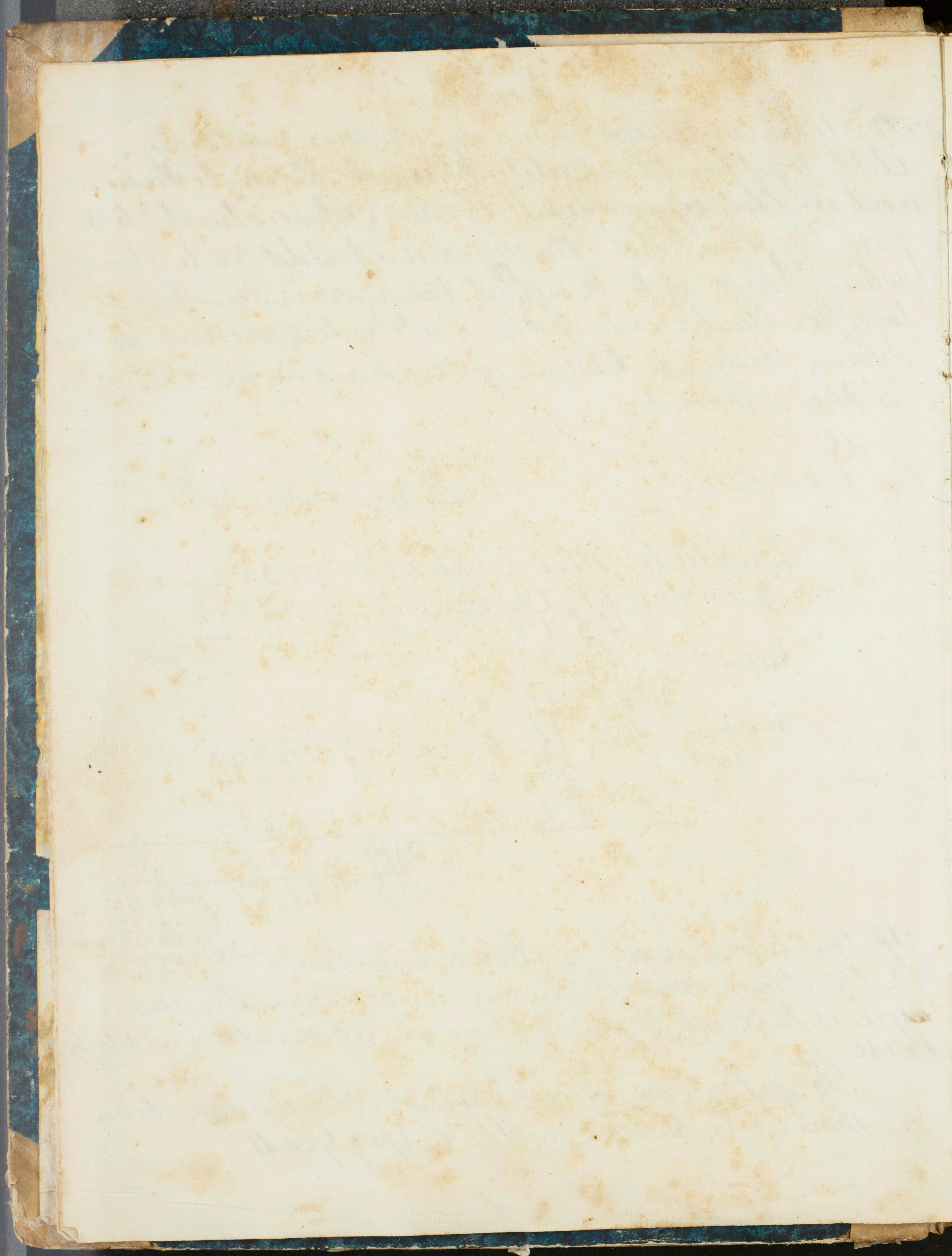
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$$7 = 54 - 34$$
$$27 = 54 = 00$$

If the lower limb is observed Subtract Watch  $7 = 54 - 34$   
 $7 = 54 - 00$   
 32. the other work is the same as above. The same rule is to be used in taking an Observation at Sun Rise

To get a correct Longitude the Observation  
should be taken with a Spy Glass







Journal April 28<sup>th</sup> 1841 Farewell for 3 years

Badly Bid my friends farewell and proceeded to N Bed  
Where I found our Capt ready to go on board, took a boat went  
on board the Ship Gratitude, which was to bear me on the rugged  
~~broken~~ bosom of the waves, to the distant but gentle Pacific.  
This then thought I is to be my home for 3 years, perhaps  
forever. After being on board about an hour Orders came to have short  
Having the ~~weather~~ rather rugged and a crew not much experience  
in seamanship I was unable to keep any notes of the proceedings  
of our voyage until Sat May 1<sup>st</sup>

Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Crossed the Gulf Stream this day and experienced very heavy  
weather during this and three following days. Could carry but little  
or no sail during the time, saw several sail standing to N E  
with a fair wind. Good luck attend them

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Took a fair wind, shaped our course for the Grand  
Banks, in hopes of falling in with Sperm Whales, as at this  
season of the year, they are often found in those regions. We did  
not meet with any success, did not see any signs of Whales  
so after cruising about for four weeks, thought it useless to waste  
our time any longer. During our stay we saw more or less  
Barks, Brigs Ships &c passing and repassing, very rugged weather  
while cruising here on the Banks

May 10<sup>th</sup> A large <sup>Steamer</sup> passed us this day about 12 o'clock  
she was distant about 20 miles. Supposed her to be the  
President or some of her class, from N York for Liverpool

May 28<sup>th</sup> Have had disagreeable weather for some days past  
have seen several vessels the last fortnight have not spoke any  
until this day Spoke the Ship Fame of Liverpool bound to Newbed  
Latitude 47-13 north Long 31-15 west  
for



Journal June 4th

Fine breezes from the southward, this morning Spoke the Brig La Belle of Sunderland did not understand <sup>where she was bound</sup> for at the moment of her passing a flaw ~~struck~~ <sup>struck</sup> him and carried away his ~~struck~~ <sup>striking</sup> sail boom which made such a crash and the vessels drawing apart we could not hear anything more. She was a beautiful little craft by all appearance.

Latitude  $46^{\circ} 21' N$  Long  $32^{\circ} 06' W$

June 12th Nothing of consequence <sup>occurred</sup> until this day when we spoke the Brig Sea of Warren bound to Bremen Europe. We have fine weather about this time which I like very well. We are bound to the Western Isles previous to doubling Cap Horn we are in hopes to fall in with Whales soon, as it is the wish and desire of our Capt to send home from the Islands something in the shape of oil, as we are out better than 2 months. From this time forward I am in hopes to keep my notes more correct. July 6th Made the Island of Fajal one of the Group of Western I. early in the morning we ran in to the Bay sent a boat on shore we lay two the best part of the day, all hands employed in stowing away potatoes, onions Cabbages &c about 4 PM the Capt having finished his business on shore came on board went to bed the same evening. Saw Whale Ship Sharon Captain Lawrence in the bay 19 days from St. Haven, bound to the P. Ocean, and a Portugese Schoop of War name, unknown. Wrote and sent home letters. Received none.



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July 7<sup>th</sup> At about 8 AM the land still in sight saw a shoal of sperm Whales it was very rugged, but we lowered our boats and was fortunate enough to secure one he yielded us 1162 gallons of oil, We were fortunate enough to strike three of them, but owing to foul lines and tremendous heavy sea was obliged to cut from 2 of them and they made their escape with part of our lines and craft we cruised about a week in hopes of falling in with them or some more but not succeeding we again shaped our course for Koyal for the purpose of Landing our oil, Arrived there the 15<sup>th</sup> about 10 AM landed 8 casts of oil and proceeded to sea same afternoon

Nothing of any consequence occurred until July 24<sup>th</sup> at daylight made the Cape Verde Islands, altered our course and run pretty handy to them, At 9 AM saw two Brigs steering to Northward and Westward at 11 AM saw a large Turtle (they are very plenty around these Islands) lowered our boat and captured him, he was a noble fellow weighed 320 pounds. He proved to be one of fine flavour and we had good eating and plenty of it for three days we ran along shore (Paul Island) at 3 PM was doubling the point saw a large Brig steering to Northward, this morning the land had disappeared and we saw nothing more to change the scene till Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

At 10 AM saw a sail 2 points off our weather bow she passed us about 3 miles to windward, We did not make out to what Nation she belonged, we have got now into the right Latitudes for Calms, we have however fine weather with little or no



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wind until the 29<sup>th</sup> when at 3 PM took a breeze from the eastward, and with all sail made for the Equinoctial line at the rate of 8 knots with rain in abundance—

This day by observation we found ourselves in  $9^{\circ} 27'$  North and the Longitude  $25^{\circ} 17'$  West Strong hopes of a continuation of fair winds to the line

Wednesday Aug 4<sup>th</sup> Saw a Brig steering to the Southward under a press of sail probably bound to the Brazils the next day saw a shoal of Blackfish and as it was fine weather with light breezes, lowered our boats all hands eager for the sport, we succeeded in striking (Harpooning) one which was a very large one, he made us 3 Bbls. These fish (independant of their oil) are of some value as they afford some very good messes, their liver and some parts of their body are very palatable after eating salt meat, boiled and then fried it resembles and tastes very much like beef We were in the Latitude of  $5^{\circ} 13'$  N. Longitude  $27^{\circ} 13'$  West with fine breezes from the southward and clear pleasant weather

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Took the regular South East Trades and had a fair run, crossed the Equinoctial line early Sunday morn<sup>ing</sup> our green hands was very much alarmed fearing that old Neptune would pay us a visit some of them consulted old seaman to know what (in case he should visit us) they best do they of course enjoying the joke advised various means and with very long faces, to be careful and do as he told them, as harm might come one of them asked if would be right



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to ask him to take something to drink if it would he would go to the Captain and try to get a bottle of Brandy. We told him we thought it useless as we believed Old Neptune seldom visited ships now days, and if he did he would not drink anything for the last time we heard from him he was a member of the Temperance Society, as it was about midnight when we crossed the line he did not deign to visit us this time so ended our line joke

We can now depend upon a good run and fine weather for some in one of the most healthy climates in the world, not a cloud to be seen and the sea as smooth as a lake. Saw some small fish which we tried to catch but they did not like the bait. Saw nothing of consequence —

Until Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> At 10 AM saw a ship on our weather bow steering N W by W she passed us about 5 miles ahead with all her canvas spread Studing sails Royals & by sails and every thing that would draw. And going I should suppose large 10 knots per hour for that land of peace and plenty (North America) Our Latitude at 12 M was  $0^{\circ} 22'$  South and 4 PM our Longitude was  $28^{\circ} 31'$  West We wanted to speak her for the purpose of sending our letters home but she was under to much headway for us to come up with her. At the rate she was going she ought to be at home accidents excepted in about 25 days Success attend, you boys may you be welcomed by all the endearing ties of Love and Friendship



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Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> Being now in the homeward bound track we saw several sail all headed to Northward and Westward, And for several days continued seeing more or less some steering to Southward but most of them headed to the North and West

Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> Saw plenty of Fin Backs and porpoises — towards evening saw a Brig steering to Northward we saw several sails and plenty of Hump Backs which for several days and as we calculated to cruise on the Abrohos banks we was now (being in about the right Longitude) keeping a sharp look out for Sperm Whales it being about the season they visit this ground

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> At daylight the masthead maned a ship was discovered on our weather bow with her Main Yard aback as that is seldom seen at sea unless by Whalemens (who generally) heave their Main Yard aback to lower the Boats) we kept our eyes upon her movements, we continued standing along and with the glass, perceived the other ship had her boats down at 8 Am and nearly abreast of her, our man at masthead cried out the pleasing sound there she blows! Where away shouted our Captain 2 points off the Lee bow and not more than 2 miles distant, There she blows was heard from a dozen voices who had jumped aloft at the first outcry, some 15 or 20 turned and the intelligence that



it was a large Sperm Whale. No time was lost in preparing the boats, and having run within a mile of the whale, luffed to the wind with the Main Top-sail aback anxiously waiting for him to make his reappearance on the surface in about half an hour he showed himself about three quarters of a mile off our lee beam the boats was lowered the chase began at about 9 AM on the second rising after we lowered succeeded in striking him, he sounded out nearly all the line and from a signal the other boats pulled to the fast boat just in time to bend on another line, the second time took nearly all the 2 lines or 1200 fathoms, after rising to the surface of the water he got in good sailing trim and away he went bounding and running for the best part of 5 hours at the expiration of that time we got up with him all hands in the boat pretty much begt out and put in 2 more harpoons which brought him up afl standing the other boats come in, to the rescue we soon made him hoist the Yellow Flag as Whalersmen call it, and he soon yielded to the power of man we took him along side secured him and went below to dinner it being then nearly 3 o'clock, after dinner commenced cutting and at sun down knocked off work got supper and set the watches for the night he was a noble fellow the largest fish I ever saw being 51 feet around his body or 17 feet through and about 80 in length, his jaw measured 22 feet contained 55 teeth weighing <sup>from</sup> to 45 pounds each



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Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> At daylight called all hands to breakfast and finished cutting about 12 M cleared up the decks and commenced boiling during the afternoon saw 2 ships (Whalers) to the wind and plenty of Humpbacks in sight this day

Sunday 22<sup>d</sup> Continued boiling and setting up catches saw two sail off <sup>our</sup> weather beam one to leeward all whalers we have fine weather light winds and plenty of work  
Latitude 18° 11' S Longitude 30° 23' West

Monday 23<sup>d</sup> Finished boiling about 9 AM washed ship and the watch went below took an account of the oil found that he had made for us one hundred and twelve Barrels and worth about thirty three hundred dollars a pretty good days work and we feel quite noble for the time out 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> months

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Fine weather saw 2 Brigs one ship cruising. Humpbacks Finbacks Sharks Porpoises &c plenty Nothing occurred of any consequence until September 4<sup>th</sup> when we spoke the Charleston Packet Captain Henders 11 months out 220 sperm oil — To cruise 8 months more and then to proceed home



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Sunday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> For several days past we have seen plenty of vessels but not spoke any of them except the EP they are all whales but <sup>our</sup> Captain being a home body we have not had a chance for a Gam (Whale means phrase for company) we shall cruise here about two weeks longer and if nothing occurs head for Cape Horn no accident has occurred to any of us as yet otherwise then losing hats, shirts &c being lost overboard these things at the beginning of a voyage are an every days occurrence as the crews of Whaleships are mostly green. We have strong trades and shall have probably till the Moon quaters after that we expect fine weather and strong hopes of falling in with more whales. Our stay here is short unless we see more whales all hands are anxious to get round the Horn.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes with a heavy sea, saw a ship to leeward steering to the NW at 9 AM we were cheered by the cry <sup>of</sup> there she blows which proved to be a large Spm. Whales one point off our weather bow we got our boats ready as quick as possible and lowered away, the whale going quick to windward and a very rugged sea for the boats we could not make much headway after 4 hours hard pulling gave up the chase — returned on board.



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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> This afternoon captured a fine large Dolphin there was enough of him to make a fresh mess for all hands it came very exceptable after living on salt provisions about four months.

Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> We have fine weather now and a fair prospect of a continuation for some days struck another Dolphin this afternoon which made a fine mess for the after guard Captain Officers and Crew are all in excellent health.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Called all hands and commenced breaking out the Main Hatchway for the purpose of getting up a supply of water for our Passage round Cape Horn and stowing away the oil we had on deck all of which we made a finish of before dark.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Saw a sail on our weather quarter steering about the same course as our selfs (S S W) she overhauled us about 3 P.M. and spoke, proved to be the Brig Millman of Belfast, the Captain ~~th~~ inquired our Longitude which being told, thanked us wished us a pleasant voyage and proceeded on his way under all sail which she needed very much as she was a very dull sailer. The Millman was bound to Montevideo.



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Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> As we are about to leave the ground all hands are busy preparing their thick cloths for cold weather which we expect very soon to feel nothing in sight this day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> This morning commenced breaking out between decks for the purpose of getting our new sails and fitting them for the yards bent the Mainseil Mizzen Toppail jib and Fore Topmast Stabsail and shaped our course for Cape Horn our course being (S S W) The weather which had been clear the first part of the day began to set in thick attended with rain and strong breezes as the sun is about crossing the line and the moon quartering we expect a rough time Latitude 22° 11'S Long 40° 10' West

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Light breezes from the eastward with thick rainy wether this morning at 4 AM saw a Brig exchanged signals lights with her as she passed us at day light she was astern steering S E

Wednesday 22<sup>d</sup> Light breezes from the S E attended with heavy scotch mist the best part of the day the crew engaged in securing their chests and other things for heavy weather as we shall not be long without it by the appearance of it now we have a fine strong ship well rigged



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And a good crew and prepared for any thing the Abs  
this day As the passage around Cape Horn requires  
considerable seamanship I shall continue my daily notes  
as we progress

Thursday 23<sup>d</sup> At about 3 AM we had a severe  
squall from the S E we had as much as we could attend  
to to secure our sails in time, however we succeeded and  
put the ship under a close reefed Main Topsail Fore  
Top Mast stay sail and fore and Main Spence (or try) as  
some call them it continued blowing a smart gale about  
12 hours when it moderated down and we began to make  
sail and by night we had the main Top Gallant sail  
out heading within 2 points of our course during the night  
it became quite clear

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> This has been a fine day to use a sea  
term it has been as clear as a bell with light winds from  
the southward at 12 M saw a sail on our weather beam  
bound to the southward Lat  $23^{\circ} 38' S$  Long  $39^{\circ} 12' - 15'' W$

Saturday Light winds the best part of the day with  
clear weather saw a Fin Back this afternoon the first  
we have seen since leaving the Abrolhos banks we



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Entertain strong hopes of a favourable wind with the full of the moon Lat  $24^{\circ}31'S$  Long  $39^{\circ}54'W$

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Fine Pleasant weather still with the wind from the S E saw some porpoises and a considerable number of bird which however is not uncommon in these Latitudes  
Lat  $26^{\circ}03'S$  Longitude  $40^{\circ}21'W$

We have got tedious ~~passages~~ and disagreeable passage to make and at a season of the year when we can expect much favour from the winds as they prevail generally from the S West

Monday 27 Light Breezes with rain plenty and take it altogether we have had a very disagreeable day of it nothing in sight and no observation During the first part of the night the weather looked very threatening Close reefed the main handed the fore and Mizzen Top sails and towards morning it began to breeze up sharp from the Eastward

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Made all sail at daylight and having fair wind made the best of it set the sliding sails continued running through the day with fine weather a fair wind and light hearts



## A Song of the Sea

A bold, brave, crew and ocean blue,  
And a ship that loves the blast,  
With a good wind piping merrily,  
In the tall and gallant masts;  
Hea! Hea! my boys,  
These are the joys,  
Of the noble and the brave;  
Who love a life,  
In the tempest strife;  
And a home on the mountain wave.

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When the driving rain of the hurricane,  
Puts the light of the light house out,  
And the growling thunder sounds its gong,  
On the whirlwinds battle rout

Hea! Hea! do you think  
That the vallant shreak;  
No! no we are bold and brave,

And we love to fight  
In the wild midnight,  
With the storm on the mountain wave.

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Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes with clear weather the wind hauled a little to the southward but we could head our course with a taught bowline by observation this day we were in Lat 38° 18' S Long 43° 17' west of Greenwich

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Strong winds from the Eastward with all sail set we are a going, large 9 knots per hour plenty of Porpoises in sight during the day struck one but did not save him this afternoon we took the Bow and Waist Boats on deck and secured them as we expect squally weather of the river La Plata We begin to feel quite a change in the atmosphere ten or twelve days with this wind will make cold work for the fingers Lat 32° 48' S Long 44° 10' West

Friday October 1<sup>st</sup> fine weather with light winds at 10 A.M. saw a Brig on our weather steering to the Eastward our fair wind did not last us long, however we are very thankful for it short as it was, in these times the smallest favours thankfully received

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> The weather this day began to change its aspect at 12 M it hauled to the south West and commenced



Saturday 2<sup>d</sup> Continued Journal

Blowing a gale and for six days we were unable to carry much of any sail saw plenty of Albatross and all sorts of birds that are generally seen in these Latitudes, Caught several Blue Jays and had a fresh mess not having made much progress and nothing worthy of remark, it being very hazy disagreeable weather I shall pass the regular diary, and commence again with

Friday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> We are now going ahead again with fine weather fair wind and as much of it as we want this day. It being very clear some good Observations were taken and we found ourselves in the Lat  $41^{\circ} 07' S$  Longitude  $54^{\circ} 40' W$  West saw plenty of sea weed and some drift wood hove back at 4 PM and Sounded could not get bottom at 150 fathoms, saw several shoals of Whales as none was the right sort we passed unmolested

Saturday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from the N W with fine clear weather took in our Studding sails and reefed Topsails we have had a fine run of it these twenty four hours. our Latitude being  $43^{\circ} 25' S$  Long  $59^{\circ} 10' W$



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Sunday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Fair winds and fine weather still prevail with the wind on our quarter yards nearly square we are going large 9 knots per hour and strong hopes that we will continue for some days at any rate we hope for the best. The water being green hove aback the main Top sail sounded out the hole of our deep sea line (180) fathoms but did not get bottom plenty of kelp in sight during the day Lat  $45^{\circ} 07' S$  Long  $60^{\circ} 11' West$

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> The wind died away to a light breeze during the night towards noon it began to freshen up from the Eastward with some spits of snow the first we have seen from the looks of the sea and clouds we shall not be long without something to occupy our minds plenty of kelp and birds visible at hours and the weather very mild for the place Lat  $46^{\circ} 10' S$  Long  $61^{\circ} 29' West$

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> No change in the weather except a flurry of snow every two or three hours, during the day we caught a large Albatross the largest one I ever saw he measured 14 feet from tip to tip the manner of taking them is by baiting a hook with fat pork make it fast to a thin slab or shingle with 8 or 10 inches play that will keep it afloat the



Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Continues Journal

Weight of the hook will sink the pork about 2 inches below the surface of the water they seize to it and the hook becomes fast to his beak; you must then haul quickly and nine times out of ten you will succeed hauling them on board if your hook is stout enough. The middle bone in his wing was one inch in diameter and from 16 to 20 inches in length and is used by the crew to make needle cases and similar notions. Lat  $48^{\circ} 18'$  Long  $62^{\circ} 18'$  West

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> We have been favoured with a fair wind though light this day we do not make much headway but in all probability we shall drift around in time, the weather is remarkably mild for these high Latitudes owing to the light Easterly winds which prevail.

Latitude  $49^{\circ} 58'$  Longitude not observed

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Very thick hazy weather attended with rain during this and the three following days. No Observations got during that time the wind was however so we could head our course and we went along under easy sail about 3 knots per hour.



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Monday Oct 18<sup>th</sup> The weather began to clear up the latter part of the previous night and at daylight made all sail wind on our quarters at 9 AM got some observations and found that the land was 64 miles distant or there about at 12 M our Latitude was  $54^{\circ} 05' S$  and at 3 PM our Longitude was  $63^{\circ} 38' West$  at half past 3 PM the light haze cleared up we discovered the land 4 points off our lee bow which proved to be Staten Land at 4 PM saw a sail on our weather quarter steering S & by E she proved to be a square rigged Brig and by the course she was steering was bound around the Cape at 6 PM the wind died away to a flat calm with remarkable clear weather and we found a strong current setting to the Northward about 2 knots per hour should we be favoured with the wind from the S & W we shall soon be out of bad weather in to the pleasant breezes of the Pacific

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> At day light saw the land and took our departure with light winds from the Eastward with fine clear weather and a heavy swell from the Southward which tell us to look out for squalls from that quarter Lat  $55^{\circ} 35' S$  Long  $164^{\circ} 17' W$



Song of the sea Continued

Breezes that die where the green woods sigh,  
Do the landsman sweet may be,  
But give to the brave the broad backed wave,  
And the tempest midnight glee,  
Hea! Hea! the blast  
And the rocking masts,  
And the sea winds brisk and cold,  
And the thunders jar,  
On the seas afar,  
Are the things that suit the bold.

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The timbers creak the sea birds shriek,  
Theres lightning in yon blast,  
Heard to the leeward mariners,  
For the storm is gathering fast,  
Hea! Hea! to right,  
Boys we must fight,  
But the wind which over us yell,  
Shall never scare ~~the mariner~~  
The mariner,  
In his winged citadel.



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Wednesday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Thick hazy weather with occasional flurys of snow the wind still hangs to the Eastward saw a Shoal of Black Fish this afternoon the wind at sun down was nearly up and down no obs this day

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> These 24 hours the wind has been all around the compass first part rather clear middle and latter part thick and hazy got some observations but not very correct  
Our Latitude by then  $56^{\circ}10'S$  Longitude  $66^{\circ}24'W$

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> The weather has become quite cold and clear with the wind from the Westward and heavy sea running from the Southward so much so that it is impossible for us to carry any press of sail. By the observations taken this day we found ourselves in the Latitude of  $57^{\circ}14'S$  South Longitude  $67^{\circ}46'W$  West all we want now is a shift of wind and we will bid farewell to Cape Horn for a year or two

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Strong winds from the Westward with a heavy swell from the Southward attended with severe snow squalls the weather thick and hazy which makes it very uncomfortable however keep quit comfortable with plenty of thick cloths and very often a dose of Composition



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Saturday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Continued

Our Latitude this day was  $58^{\circ} 11'$  South Longitude  $68^{\circ} 24'$  West Which brings us one degree and four miles West of Cape Horn

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Strong winds from the N.W. with a heavy sea running early this morning we began to take in sail and at daylight was under reefed Courses, close reefed Topsails Fore and Main Spencers. It continued blowing on ~~continuing~~ the forenoon and at 12 M took in the main sail the weather thick attended with hail and snow during the latter part of the day we are obliged to make some to the South as we cannot head better than S.W. have not seen any Ice Islands as yet Latitude  $59^{\circ} 35'$  Longitude  $72^{\circ} 28'$  West and the most disagreeable Sunday since leaving home

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> First part of these twenty four hours we had strong breezes from the westward with thick hazy weather at 3 P.M. it hauled to the northward and commenced blowing took in the Fore and Mizzen Topsails hauled the jib reefed the main sail at 7 P.M. it increased to a gale and we hauled the fore and main Courses the gale still increasing at 9 P.M. took in the main Top Sail set the main Spencer reefed. The only sail on the ship then was the Fore Top mast Staysail fore and main Spencers it continued blowing hard with a tremendous heavy head sea running through the night no



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Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Continued

observations this day the weather was cold attended with rain hail and snow and to add to our comfort we were constantly shipping seas which kept all clenched during the watches.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> The gale began to break but still blowing hard at intervals of ten or fifteen minutes at 8 AM set the Main Top sail close reefed ~~and towards~~ and to wards noon it moderated so much that we set the Fore sail and Mizzen Top sail at 12 M found ourselves in the Latitude of  $59^{\circ} 15' S$  Long  $74^{\circ} 12' W$  at 1 PM the wind hauled to the southward and at 4 PM wore ship and stood to the Northward with clear cold weather.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> First part of the day thick weather with heavy squalls of snow took in the Fore and Mizzen Top sails at 12 M it cleared up and we made sail on her again the latter part ~~the latter part~~ of the day we had fine clear weather with every appearance of a calm, Any change must be for the better as we have had head winds now for ten days and it is not very comfortable to be beating about here in this cold climate.

Latitude  $59^{\circ} 24' S$  Long  $74^{\circ} 42' W$

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Thursday Six months from now this day still beating about with a head wind and dull prospects ~~and~~ saw this day.



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Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Continued The root of an old tree which probably has drifted from the South Shetland Islands we still continued to drag along under easy sail making a little to Eastward. In the first watch at night saw a large shoal of Blackfish they showed no signs of fear but played around the ship more than an hour. Lat  $60^{\circ}15'S$  Long  $75^{\circ}19'W$

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from the NW still prevail and no signs ~~still~~ of a change the weather thick dreary and uncomfortable towards noon and during the afternoon first part of the night we had an occasional snow squall merely to give affect to <sup>the</sup> scene, we are now placed in about as uncomfortable a situation as any reasonable person would wish for. Lat  $60^{\circ}15'S$  Long  $76^{\circ}16'40''W$

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Thick cloudy weather ~~weather~~ during the day the wind hauled a little more to Southward towards noon we tacked ship and headed NW by N Latitude at 12 M  $59^{\circ}43'S$  Longitude  $77^{\circ}49'W$  Snow and hail plenty during the latter part of the day

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Strong breezes these 24 hours from the old quarter WNW with thick squally weather at daylight this morning wore ship and stood to the SW again as the wind is as usual dead ahead for us reefed the Top sails and main Course at 2 PM it continued to blow



## Continued

On and at 4 PM hauled the Mainsail and made the usual preparations for a gale from the NW Our Latitude this day was  $58^{\circ}23'S$  Longitude  $76^{\circ}13'W$  we lost better than a degree of Longitude the last twenty four hours heading NW by N the variation of compass being about 2 points and our leeway 3 points making our true course NNE this is doing great business

Monday November 1<sup>st</sup> This is the first day of the month and a very disagreeable one it has been to we have had as much as we could do to carry a close reefed Main Top sail ~~it blowing~~ it blowing a strong gale with a tremendous heavy sea running. wind from the NW No observation this day supposed Latitude  $59^{\circ}23'S$  Long  $75^{\circ}40'W$  We have a dreary night before us our cloths all wet and in fact it would be of no use to put on dry ones (if we had them) for we are continually shipping seas which would sponge all the Pilot Coat in N Bedford in five minutes to make the best of a bad bargain we must grin and bear it there is one comfort left us viz we shall have a change bye & bye and in the mild gentle breezes of the SE trades we shall forget Cape Horn and our troubles This is the fourteenth day we have had the wind from the NW at 4 PM should the gale continue we shall be obliged to take in the Main Top Sail the weather is very cold but all hands have got hardened to it



# Journal

Tuesday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> During the night it continued blowing a heavy gale at 8 PM carried away the weather main Topsail Brace Block Strap which left the yard with nothing but the pearil rope to support it we had a cold disagreeable job putting it to rights again at 11 PM the Gale was at its pitch the sea was very rough all night stove our bull works and done some damage to boats spars & about deck at 7 AM the wind hauled a little to the south and it began to moderate so that we made sail the middle and latter part was quite moderate clear with the exception of an occasional flurry of snow that we have got used to and think a little about it

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Three Cheers! My boys we are at last favoured with a fair wind and plenty of it, about half past two this morning while we were all engaged in a pleasant yarn about home and our friends the wind suddenly changed and slap aback went every thing to the mast we soon were braced about and headed our course NW by N with the wind one point free and as much as we could stagger to with Close reefed Topsails and Foresail and reefed spanker The watch went below at 3 AM at 7 AM it had become settled with the wind from SW made sail during the forenoon and at 12 M we was under all sail a going about 8 knots the weather is severe but we can stand



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Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Continued Any thing with a fair wind. The latter part it hauled two points more to the southward attended with snow squalls. We had a pull at the weather braces eased off the Fore and Main sheets which made her stand more upright. In the first night watch while the boys were talking about cold weather. One of them a son of the green Isle told them as cold as it was he would jump over board for a pair of trousers which being accepted he made rope fast to himself and over he went. Our Latitude this day was  $58^{\circ}38'S$  Longitude at 4 PM  $77^{\circ}29'W$ . Should this breeze last as long as the one did from the ENE we shall be out of the reach of snow hail and cold weather. If there is any situation in life uncomfortable to man it is sitting at the securing of a Top sail yard in the Latitude of  $60^{\circ}$  South with a stiff hail or snow squall from the SW he has no lee not even ~~that~~ that of a rope yard but must face it some times for half an ~~hour~~ hour. Those only that have been in the situations can form any idea of its beauties.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> At 3 AM the wind hauled to the old quarter NW tacked ship ~~the ship~~ and headed W. The weather overcast with rain and sleet plenty during the forenoon it cleared up a little towards noon and got some observations Latitude was  $56^{\circ}49'S$   
Long  $79^{\circ}33'W$



## Journal

Friday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Thick hazy weather during the ~~night~~ previous night with light breezes from the N.W. at 5 o'clock this morning the wind had worked round to W.S.W. we tacked ship stood to the N.W. again during the forenoon it hauled to the southward checked in the braces and headed on course N.W. by W one point free going six knots or there abouts the best part of the time Lat  $56^{\circ}33'S$  Long  $81^{\circ}29'W$  if the wind stands we shall after this night ~~run~~ ~~stand~~ steer (by compass) N.N.W. which will give us a true North Course the variation being abouts 2 points. our chance for a leading wind is better as we draw down the Coast

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> First part of the day the wind was nearly up and down at 9 Am took a light breeze from the Eastward at 12 M we was in South Latitude  $55^{\circ}41'$  Longitude  $82^{\circ}30'W$  The weather the latter part of the day has been a mixture of hail and snow with a good Top Gallient breeze and every appearance of a leading wind. we are now the other side of land (as blubber chasers say when to the north ward of the Cape) with a long tedious voyage before us a good ship good officers and should hope have good luck and weather it and returned laden with the spoils of the ocean to our home and Friends



# Journal

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> At 4 AM the wind hauled to the south west with clear weather a bright sun and cheerful the <sup>first</sup> pleasant day we have had for these three weeks and one that was very much needed our rigging looked like the front yard of a Monday when the women had their wash out. Sackets Shirts Trousers &c in every direction and they all got quite dry, the weather is not so sharp as it has been a southerly wind is the coldest wind we have here then we generally have the sun in sight which makes a difference of several Degrees in these latitudes in our feelings. The breeze has been light during the day and with all said we have gone along about 5 knots it is fair however and all we go is towards warm weather Latitude  $54^{\circ}41'S$  Long  $83^{\circ}41'W$  we are far enough to the westward and our course is due North and with a breeze we by this day ~~week~~ week will be able to throw aside Cape Horn danger for the more comfortable ones.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> This day we have had fine pleasant weather with the wind from the SW and a good breeze got out boats and spars and are all ready to commence business on a large scale. This afternoon saw a large number of right whales not the sort we are in pursuit so they passed on unmolested Lat  $52^{\circ}20'S$  Long  $82^{\circ}44'W$



# Journal

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> First part of the day, wind from the SW towards noon it hauled to the Westward our Latitude this day was at 12/M  $58^{\circ}12'S$  this afternoon it being overcast did not get any observation but supposed our Longitude to be  $82^{\circ}30'W$  the wind the latter part of the day has been W so that we can just lay our course N & W we are however doing very well with light breezes we make a hundred and thirty and 40 miles per day to the Northward Captain Steves very unwell this day he looks quite unwell and has for some days past but he has kept the deck until this day during the night we had a fine breeze going 7 knots the best part of the time

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Fine breezes from the SW to WSW during the day the ship making seven knots per hour we are drawing into warm weather fast, our Latitude this day at 12/M was  $49^{\circ}23'S$  Long  $81^{\circ}41'W$  This has been a very mild day a bright sun and gentle breezes. Hope it will continue

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Fine breezes from the SW with clear weather our Boats and Whaling Gear being all in order we began to our look out to the Mast head it is rather cold in that region it is customary and I suppose all for the best at any rate it is a change and variety is pleasing  
Lat  $45^{\circ}03'S$  Long  $80^{\circ}39'W$



# Journal

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> This day commences with strong breezes from the westward the weather thick and rainy at about 10 AM it cleared away and the sun was visible changed our course to N by W which brought the wind one point free true course N  $3\frac{1}{4}$  East Lat at 12 M  $42^{\circ}18'S$  Long  $79^{\circ}44'$  during the latter part of the day we have a good Top Gallant breeze Saw several Fin Backs and a shoal of Porpoises the Capt is better than he has been for several days past and quite good natured with all

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Gentle breezes from the S W Ship making about six knots with fine weather at 12 M we were in Lat  $39^{\circ}49'S$  Long  $79^{\circ}03'$  West At 6 PM saw a breach (A breach is caused by a whale throwing him self out of water from which causes we hear from the look out at mast head, then the Breaches!) on our Starboard bow we ran in that direction but did not see it again it being near sundown supposed it to be a Spm (Whale although not for us so we hauled up the helm and proceeded on our course N by W for Callao as is supposed by all hand from what drops from the Captain while in conversation with the mate



# Journal

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Another fine Sabbath with the wind from the S S E we are this day running under all sail about six knots dead before the wind with a very smooth sea Lat  $37^{\circ}41'S$  Long  $79^{\circ}17'W$  This afternoon we saw a great number of Birds could not divine the cause for some time at about an hour from the time we first see them the riddle was solved the man at Mast head cried out a dead whale on the Starboard Beam the helm was put to port and run within half a mile of it. It proved to be a carcass of a large Whale some three or four days old some one had taken his jacket of for him. Having satisfied ourselves we again pursued our course to Northward another weeks run like the last and our thick cloths will be sterner a poor chance as we have gone about Eleven hundred miles the last seven days mostly to the Northward as will be perceived by referring to the Latitudes which I have given daily.

Monday Nov 15<sup>th</sup> At daylight the cry was heard from aloft ~~Land~~ he! where away should the officer of the deck, four points off the Starboard bow sir! was the answer as she drewel along a beam of us we made her out to be a ship steering to the southward (For Cape Horn probably, a pleasant passage to you my lads may you have better luck in getting round than we did)



# Journal

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> continued After breakfast turned to anchor sent up the Fore Top Gallant Mast and yard, sent out the Flying jib boom set the rigging up at 12 M was in the Latitude  $35^{\circ}43'S$  Long  $79^{\circ}12'W$  West this afternoon the Starboard watch sent up the Mizzen Top Gallant Mast set up the rigging crossed the yards bent the sail the weather has been overcast all day with a steady breeze from the S E blowing a six knot breeze

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> This morning about 4 AM discovered the land four points of the Starboard bow about 20 miles distant at sunrise were within 12 miles of it to the Eastward it was a beautiful morning and as the sun emerged from the world of waters on her daily journey presented to <sup>our</sup> ~~the~~ view that beautiful Island of Juan Fernandez its fertile valleys and high broken mountains towering far above the clouds of mist that enveiled its base as we continued our course at about 11 o'clock we neared the land so much as to be able to distinguish the cattle browsing along the sides of the mountains and the thick mantle of mist having cleared away the whole Island in all its splendor met ~~all~~ the eager gaze of all on board who were lounging about in different parts of the ship well satisfied losing an hour or so of their watch below to get sight once more of



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Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Continued, Anything that bore any resemblance of the home we left Our Captain having satisfied himself as to the correctness of his Nautical Instruments we proceeded on <sup>to</sup> the northward with a fair wind and all sail set, at 12 M Lat 33.30'S Long 78.40'W At 2 PM saw the Island of Massafuro of our Starboard quarter bearing about W by South during the afternoon saw several Shoats of Blackfish as we are in comfortable weather we are busily engaged repairing the rigging for port bringing the ship in neat trim &c at 6 PM saw a sail steering E S E probably for Valparaiso it is now twenty eight days since we left Staten Land which (considering the time we were off Cape Horn) is quite a good passage for a dull ship

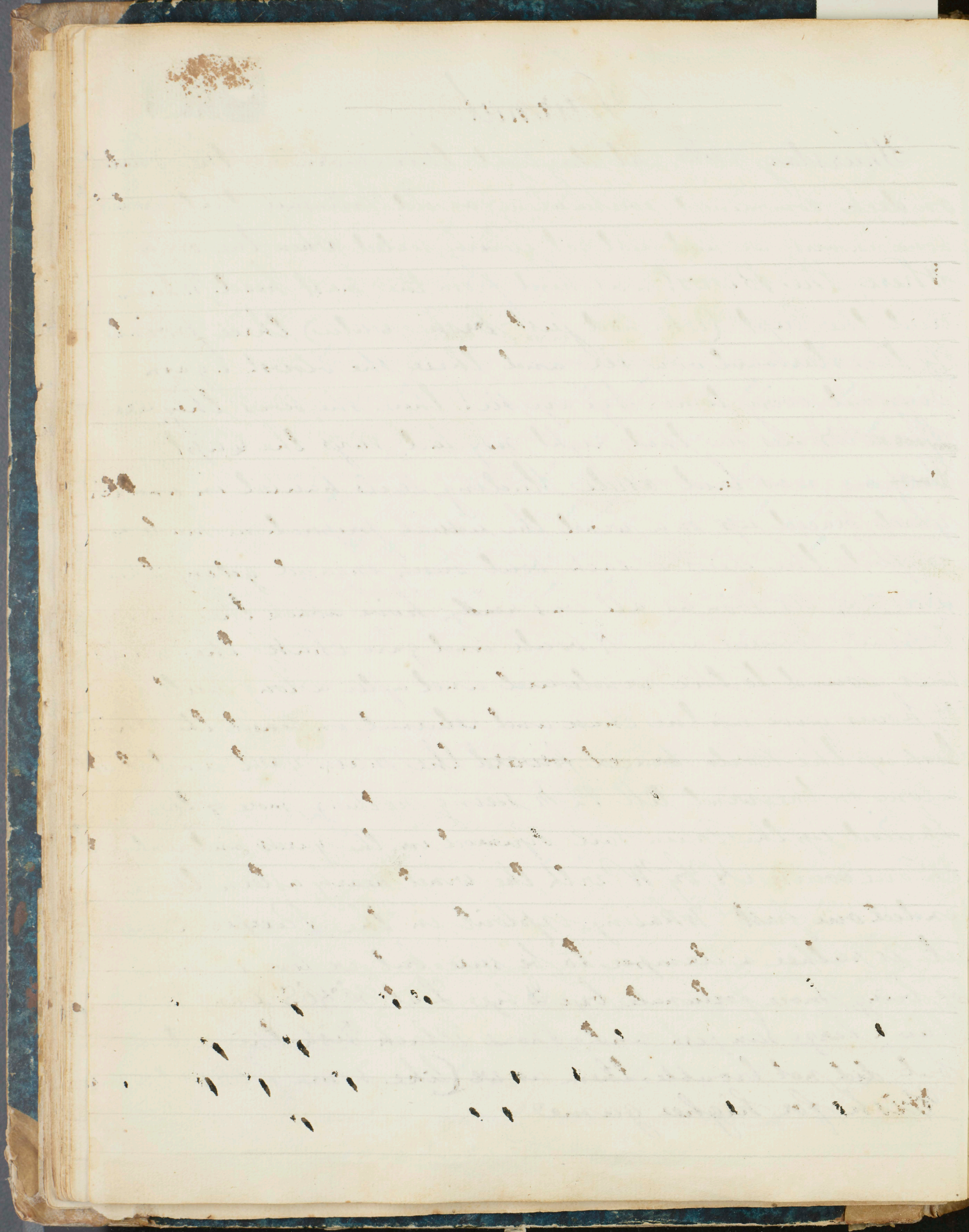
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> This has been a busy day for all hands stripping ship of her Cape Horn suit of sails and bending in their stead the light cruising sails, broke out for them early this morning overhauled them and repaired all that needed it which occupied the best part of the forenoon Commenced after dinner (Starboard Whatch forward ~~Starboard~~ Starboard Whatch aft) At 5 PM Courses Top sails jib &c were nicely stowed away in the sail room not to be used again (except in case of emergency) until homeward bound, This has been a delightful day with light breezes from the S E and a smooth sea. Latitude this day 32.01 Longitude 77.52 West



# Journal

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> At daylight this morning the watch on deck commenced overhauling an old Mainsail that needed some repairs we had just got cleverly seated when the cry of *There She Blows!* was heard from the mast head, Where away? cried the Capt (who had just broke water) three points off the Starboard bow Sir and there she blows! again, sing out every time. Ay ay Sir! there she blows, they are Sperm Whales Sir that right my lad says the Capt — Everything was laid aside studding sails hauled in and the yards braced up on a wind the usual preparations made for conflict, the crews of each boat busily engaged getting their lines in, As soon as all was ready, hove aback the main Topsail lowered away 4 boats and gave chase the Whales was bound to the windward and after a long pull of 4 hours gave up the chase and returned on board the Ship took up the Boats braced forward the main yard and stood along on the wind till 12 M seeing nothing more of them hauled up the main sail squared in the yards and continued on our course N by W with the wind nearly astern thus ended our first Whaling exploit in the Pacific Ocean it is rather a damper to be sure but we live in hopes of being more fortunate bye & bye Lat 30° 40' S Long 77° 43' W. Saw a large sun fish and a small Black Fish this afternoon but did not trouble them as we (like some folks at home) wish for higher game.







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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Light breezes from the southward with clear weather several Shoals of Blackfish in sight during the day about 10 AM saw a sail on the larboard beam steering to the NW Lat  $29^{\circ}33'S$  Long  $77^{\circ}21'W$

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Light breezes still prevail from the southward with fine pleasant weather which is not unusual between the Latitudes of thirty and forty South all hand busily engaged in ship duty during the day doing and undoing is a sailors daily toil Lat  $28^{\circ}08'S$  Long  $77^{\circ}28'W$  West

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> This has been a grand Gala day the crew made made their appearance nicely washed shaved (those that had any thing to shave) clean duck trousers and thin shirts It has been a fine day - and from it we shall date the S & trades we are now quite sure of a good run to our port of destination (Callio) bearing about North N E Eight Hundred miles distant. This day week we shall in all probability be at Anchor in Callao bay. Spied the plough nothing in sight this day save the blue above and the blue below  
Lat  $26^{\circ}37'S$  Long  $77^{\circ}19'W$  West

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> This morning at day light called all hands ~~and commenced~~ and commenced breaking out for the purpose of Coopering our keel and floor as is the custom two or three times during the voyage got through about six PM



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Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Continue - It was a fortunate thing, for us that we did it at this time for the flour was stowed in bulk from four to six Barrels in a Cask and it had got quite slack a good hammering has ~~not~~ no doubt put ~~the~~ Veto to our having, musty Duff for if our flour gets musty or any of our provisions injured we have Hopson's Choice so it stands us in hand to keep a good look out for it We have had a good run these 24 hours having made one hundred and fifty two miles to the Northward Lat  $23^{\circ} 51' S$  Long  $77^{\circ} 12' W$

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> The weather thick and overcast the crew engaged tarring down the rigging at 4 PM saw a sail on ~~our~~ Starboard quarter steering to the Westward No Observations this day

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Light winds with fine weather - Finished tarring down and cleared up the decks got our water Casks up and becketed them for rafting, as soon as we get in to port saw several fin backs and plenty of Geopie birds during the day have been quite busy all day having ~~has~~ on board a Blacksmiths Coopers and Carpenters Shop in full operation each one hammering away

Lat  $20^{\circ} 18' S$



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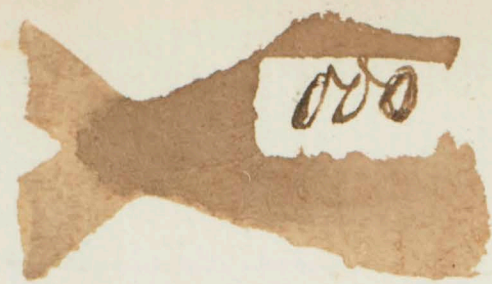
Thursday Nov 25<sup>th</sup> This is Thanksgiving day at home. While our friends ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> eating their Roast Turkey, Chickens, Geese, Pies and other niceties enjoying themselves with sleigh rides, Balls &c we poor Sacks are beating the wash with plenty of work and a scanty allowance of salt horse (I would call it beef if I dared) nothing occurred during the day worthy of notice Lat  $18^{\circ}40'S$  Long  $77^{\circ}12'West$

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes <sup>from</sup> ESE we have had ~~xxx xxxxx xxxxx~~ gentle breezes for these three weeks so that we could carry all sail we have not hauled a Top Gallant sail since leaving San Fernando. This afternoon we captured a fine sea Turtle if he had been one day sooner we might have had a Thanksgiving dinner as it is he will come off tomorrow which is just as well as we are not very particular and be quite a treat after eating Salt Tunk nearly seven months Lat  $17^{\circ}20'S$  Long  $77^{\circ}24'West$

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the SE at daylight saw a shoal of Black Fish close to the ship, during the forenoon saw plenty of Porpoises small fish and squid the <sup>first</sup> I ever saw alive they are about the size of our largest Lobsters and resemble them in color and shape I have heard them say there was some larger than a whale but I think it a fish story. The Sperm Whale and Blackfish feed entirely on these fish Lat  $15^{\circ}50'S$  Long  $77^{\circ}20'West$



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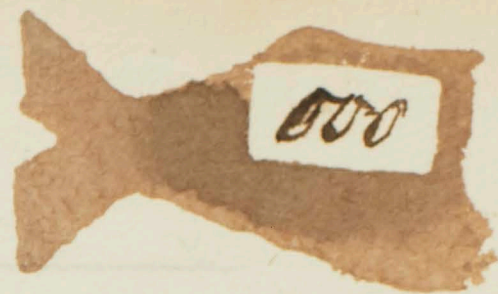


Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> At daylight the cry of Sail ho! was heerd from the mast head and ~~she~~ she was right ahead we over hauled her about 8 AM She proved to be the Ship — Pocahontas of Fisbury, Mass 14 months out with seven hundred fifty barrels Sperm Oil and 8 small Whales along side she was cutting them in when we spoke her looked over our letter bag and found letters for Capt Smith who came on board and spent the best part of the day or untill 3 P.M. when we raised a shoal of sperm Whales under our lee we immediately lowered our boats. Our mate being on board the Pocahontas as is customary when Gaming, Capt Smith lowered our starboard boat for his chance our mate ~~th~~ taking his chance in one of the Pocahontas boats the chances however proved small as the whales were as wild as march hares we could not get within gun shot of them after pulling about two hours gave them up went on board our respective Ships took up the boats and stood along under easy sail during the night we hope to be more fortunate next time Lat 14° 06' S Long 77° 12' and the wind in sight bearing E by N

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> At day light this morning raised shoal of Sperm Whales one point off our weather bow and about one mile distant we immediately hauled our main Topsail aback and lowered our boats and with sails and paddles succeeded in getting within a cables length



# Journal



Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Continued Of them (they being very moderate and going to be ware) when up came a large school of porpoises among them which set them a going eyes out tried them awhile with sails and paddles, but not succeeding took our ~~paddles~~ oars but did not meet with any better success so after four or five hours hard pulling and all hands nearly beat out (having lowered before breakfast) and constantly pulling from the time we took our oars we gave up the chase and returned on board The Ship when we started on our return was 12 miles to windward of us - which was quite encouraging after pulling several hours, but there was no help for it so we made the best of our way and took up our boats just as it was eight bells (12 o'clock) Latitude  $14^{\circ}05'S$  Long  $77^{\circ}05'W$  our Latitude and Longitude has not varied but a few miles since yesterday, for when we are on cruising ground we generally keep about the same ground as whales do not change much for several days, we have been very unfortunate in lowering, this is the fourth time and we have not broken black skin well! It is a long lane that has no turning Three Whale ships in sight this afternoon



# Journal

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Nothing worthy of remark except speaking the Ship Tenas Coffin of Nantucket 16 months out with sixteen hundred Barrells Spm Oil she has been very lucky, having obtained nine hundred Bbls the last five months, She reported the Ship Maria of Nantucket 22 Months out full and gone home This was cheering news to us, as it was plain that all the whales were not dead yet and our chance for the living ones is as good as anybody's else, four Ships in sight at sundown no Observation

Wednesday December 1<sup>st</sup> Strong breezes these twenty four hours four different Ships in sight at 12 M we stood in to the N and E this day in hopes of falling in with some Whales, did not succeed. About one o'clock the cook (a Portuguese) was taken in a fit and fell on deck he had three strong turns in about half an hour and very severe ones, it taking four strong men to hold him & after of which would held him like a chian any other time he says he is subject to them every year or two the capt took about a quart of blood



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Wednesday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Continued  
From him which brought him to, he was quite well towards  
sundown with the exception of being weak says he feels  
better this evening than he has for several months he  
had been complaining for several days Lat  $13^{\circ}12'S$  Long  $77^{\circ}11'W$

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Fine breezes and delightful weather, two  
ships in sight to leeward at 12 M made land which -  
proved to be Los Amigos about thirty miles to windward  
of Pisco stood well in shore and tacked ship about 5 o'clock  
stood off shore during the night. Saw several Hump Backs  
during the afternoon Lat  $13^{\circ}59'S$  Long  $76^{\circ}37'W$  West

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> At daylight tacked ship and stood in shore  
at 12 M Lat  $13^{\circ}35'S$  stood N East till sundown then  
not having seen any thing, and being in want of fresh  
provisions squared the yards and headed N by W that  
being for Callao distance 87 miles we had fine weather  
and light breezes during the night -

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Thick & hazy with light breezes at 7 am  
saw a Brig standing to the East at 12 M it cleared up and the  
Isle of de San Lorenzo was in sight directly ahead we made  
all sail to get to anchor before night owing to the lightness  
of the winds as we neared the ~~harbour~~ could not get in so  
hove to for the night at 6 PM saw a large ship standing  
out of the Bay one off our lee bow standing in Lat  $13^{\circ}42'S$  Long  $76^{\circ}15'W$



# Journal

Sunday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> At daylight the land (Isle de St Lorenzo) was in sight bearing N N E made all sail and run for it with the <sup>wind</sup> ~~two~~ points free at 8 AM opened the Harbour and the shipping began to show itself the wind being very light did not make much headway until the sea breeze struck in which brought us nearly on a bowline At half past 12 o'clock we came to anchor in Eight Fathoms of water (48 feet) and ~~directly~~ directly under the lee of the American Sloop of War Dale Capt Grant she is a beautiful craft to look at, but not a very fast sailer she had a fine looking crew the most of the native Americans The store ship Relief was also to an anchor and a fine Brig of war (French) the Adonis together with about twenty sail of English, French American Chilean and Peruvian merchantmen After furling our sails and getting dinner the captain with his boats crew went on shore the rest on board took (as we had nothing to do it being Sunday) a watch below

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> At daylight called all hands and commenced rafting our casks for water and succeeded in getting two rafts on board before night In the evening some of us went on board Whale Ship N England and spent the evening she was 23 months out 1250 Tons  
Sold 251 gallons of sperm oil this day



# Journal

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Finished our warbling, and got it stowed under hatches and decks cleared up about 4 PM after supper those that had a mind went on shore and spent the evening, they returned about 11 o'clock well pleased with the excursion. It is certainly a pleasure to set ones foot ashore after being shut up for several months on board ship. Our friends at home know nothing of its beauties this is quite a place now all bustle and confusion is owing to the war with the Bolivians.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Busy all day landing goods and getting our recruits on board we could not have happened here in better time for trade (it being war time) is quite brisk. Dried Cod Fish selling for \$10-00 per hundred weight (fishermen look at this) Powder of an ordinary quality selling for 30cts per pound other articles such as Soap, Tobacco, Spm Candles, Looking glasses, Loos. Toec. Matches &c in like proportion I have mentioned these articles as a medium almost all our merchandise sell nearly as well with the exception of dry goods which can be bought here nearly as cheap as at home.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> At 3 PM orders was received on board to get the ship under way from the Capt (who was on shore) which was immediately done and about 4 PM he came on board and we bid adieu to the hospitable shores of Peru.



Saturday Journal

~~Monday~~ Dec 11<sup>th</sup> continued. We lost one of our crew in port he left us on Sunday night we had nothing more of him I hope he has done better, but I doubt it much as most of the runaways on this Coast become miserable beings, he was an Irishman about 22 years of age of not much education he worked ~~in~~ (and I believe his friends) Live in Lowell Mass shipped in his stead a Frenchman a steady man and one of good information he speaks the English, French and Spanish Languages, and is recommended as a first rate sailor if he proves a good sailor we shall benefit by the exchange

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Light Breezes during the night at 9 AM made the Island of Pelado which is about a degree from Bally during the day saw several sail bound to the southward and East-ward. As we shall cruise probably on this coast for some time I shall only mention whatever occurs worthy of note as the ordinary occurrences on board Ship while on cruising ground are nearly the same each day.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> This day we struck and saw a large sun fish, they are capital eating and the oil that their liver produces is said to be a sure cure for the rheumatism the fish when ~~cooked~~ cooked tastes very much like our Lobster at home so much so that it would take a good judge to decide which ~~is~~ which



# Journal

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>. We have had fine weather and light breezes during the week at 3 PM Spoke the Ship Ganges of Nantucket 4½ months out we had no letters by her the Capt (Vilman) came on board brought several papers none later than July containing President Tyler's message and loss of the Steam Ship President

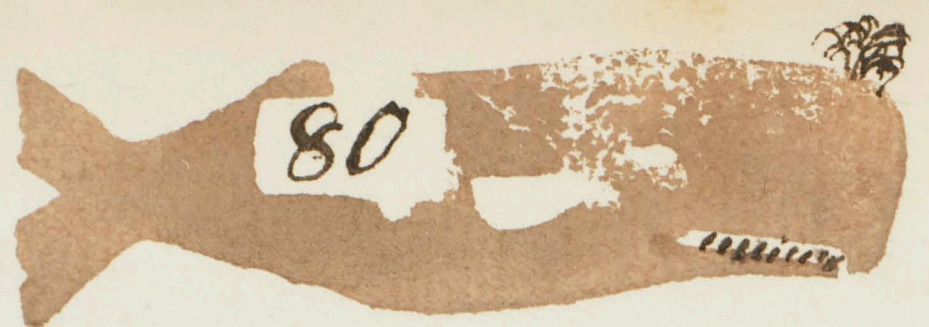
Friday 24<sup>th</sup>. We have had fine weather with light winds have seen nothing worthy of remark until this afternoon Spoke the Ship Dimotean of N Bedford 24 months out 1200 Bbls of Spm Oil was bound on the coast of Peru

Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup>. This day we lowered our boats and took a Blackfish which made us about 90 galls of oil we have been sailing to the N and Westward for nearly 3 weeks over good whaling ground but as yet have not seen anything but Porpoises and Blackfish we are now nearly on the Equinoctial Line again have cruised hereabouts a week we shall haul to the southward again and are in hopes of seeing something Lat 0° 29S Long 109° 15'W

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. Fortune has favoured us when we least expected it at 4 PM this afternoon the cry of there she blows! was heard from the Look out at mast head it proved to be a Sperm Whale we got every thing in readiness as soon as possible and as the time was short the blind ~~that~~ light and the whale ahead about a mile off agoing to windward we down boat and gave chase on the second rising after lowering we was fortunate



# Journal



Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Continued

Enough to strike ~~him~~ him the sun was about 15 minutes high he stove the boat that first struck him, but as there was others at hand which he probably was not aware of (as he laid on the water like a log) we soon had six harpoons in his back and 25 minutes from the time we struck he was dead it was lucky, for had he soured as they usually do the probability is we should have had to cut from him for they are not a safe plaything, for an evenings amusement took him along side about 9 PM and set the whatches for the night Lat  $5^{\circ} 29' S$  Long  $113^{\circ} 29' W$

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

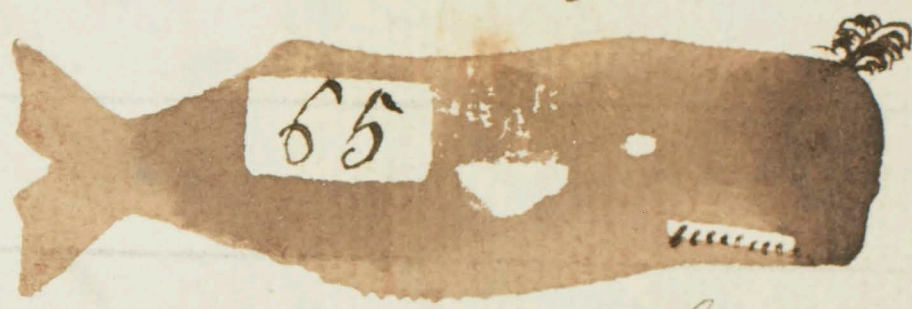
At day light called all hands and commenced cutting, finished at 12 M and began to boil which occupied until Friday PM he was very fat and yielded us eighty four Barrells of oil, the ice is now broke and I hope we shall find whales plenty this is the first one we have seen since leaving the Coast of Peru should we be fortunate enough to see whales we shall get a voyage without doubt in a short time shall probably cruise here some time



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Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Spoke the Ship Minervia Smith of Bedford 24 Months out 1350 Bbls Spm saw two Ships this day the other proved to be <sup>the</sup> Hobomok of Balmouth 18 Months with 1000 Spm The Minervia Smith reports a number of Ships on the off shore all in a low state as regards oil. Lat 4° 50'S Long 114° 29' West

Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup>



Nothing of consequence has occurred on board this last fortnight have had fine weather crossed the line twice seen Blackfish & Porpoises plenty as is usual here, and all hands busily engaged doing nothing. This day the scene changed a little for the better at about 10 AM we were cheered by the cry of there she blows! which proved to be a sperm whale about 3 miles to leeward we immediately got our boats in readiness lowered away and gave chase and was fortunate enough to strike him the second rising after lowering. He soon yielded to our superior judgment took him along side and commenced the usual operations of fleecing, and finished before dark set the whalches for the night so ended the day, Lat 2° 30'S Long 119° 41' W

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Commenced boiling at daylight and was occupied untill Tuesday morning at 8 AM when washed ship and the watch went below took an account of the oil and found that we were 65 Bbls better off and a little nearer



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Monday Feb 7<sup>th</sup>

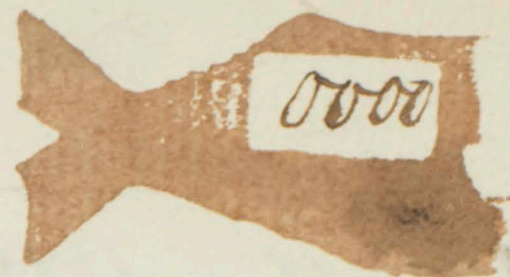
Home than a few days previous we have now on board about three hundred barrells being a little more than nine months out shall cruise hereabouts six or eight weeks on and about the line and then shape our course for the Sandwich Islands take in recruits for a season on the Coast of Phippan We are now nearly 2 months out of Callac have been on good whale ground all the time but have not seen them but twice during the time we have been fortunate for the fish seen, but very unfortunate in not seeing more perhaps better fortune awaits us on Japan if it does not we must make up our faces for a long voyage

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> We come very nigh having a dreadful accident to relate this day. Viz One of our boys at the look out at the Mizzen Top Galliant head, fell and had he not been lucky enough to caught the Main Top Galliant brace in his fall would in all probability, have been dashed to peaces, as it was it passed off in a joke and he got a severe reprimand for not holding on harder for (says the Capt) you will be down some of these times and be breaking the boats and then I shall raise the d-l with you - do you hear! we have had plenty of rain for several days past seen nothing of consequence until

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>



# Journal



Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

At 6 AM raised a shoal of Sperm Whales lowered our boats and gave chase going quick to windward did not succeed in getting fast after two <sup>hours</sup> pulling gave up the chase returned on board hoisted up the boats and continued on our course (NW) and at 11 AM the cry of there the blows! was again heard which proved to be a large Sperm Whale we immediately headed the ship for him and after his regular spouting he turned flukes and went down hove aback waiting for him to make his appearance but a thick squall enveloped us for two hours and saw no more of him After it cleared up we braced the yards and stood on the wind but not seeing anything squared the yards and stood on our course <sup>Clear</sup> Lat at 12 M 00° 13' South Long 124° 34' West At 2 PM we were again cheered by the Cry of There the Blows! off our Starboard beam luffed to the wind and brought the whales one point off our bow stood along about an hour the wind being light and we not making much headway towards the whales down boats for the chase but did not succeed any better than our previous attempt after a pull of three hours returned on board well beat out as one might expect At 6 PM raised a sail on our weather headed for us with all sail out we hove aback and waited for her to come down which she did and proved to be the Brig Delaware Capt Carter from Boston bound to <sup>10 or 12 days out</sup> Whoo (Sandwich Islands) with several passengers missionaries saw the finest sight I have seen these ten months a Yankee Lady and her babe a playful little urchin he hailed us



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Thursday Feb 17<sup>th</sup>

With his juvenile ~~trumpet~~ Haloo the lady greeted us with a smile the Capt and male passengers wished us success and a speedy return home. We did not board her but shall probably see her as we shall put away for Woahoo in a week or ten days

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes at 6 PM spoke the ship Parker of New Bedford 30 Mos out with 1900 Bbls sperm Oil She was under the charge of the mate having lost their Capt (Shearman) a few days previous he was taken out of a boat by the line while fast to a whale and was never seen afterwards the boats were on the spot for two hours his hat came up about five minutes after he went down, the probability is that when he fell he came in contact with some of the other whales and being caught in the jaw was hurried on to eternity. He left a wife and one child in N Bedford and was married but three weeks before sailing in the Parker in the midst of life we are <sup>in</sup> death

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> We again spoke the Parker and furnished the new Capt (Smith) with some articles he was in want of and after spending the evening together parted company  
Lat 1° 27' Long 125° 40' West



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Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Having seen nothing worth staying about here for we this day put her under all sail for the Sandwich Islands Lat 0° 12' mile South we have fine weather with steady breezes from the Eastward plenty of fish around us for several days so that we have good living being pretty well tired of salt junk Long 129° 19' West

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> We this day began to stand the regular sea watches as the weather began to bear the aspect of being squally, which we shall probably have for several degrees the fish still hang around us they are good sailors as a specimen I will relate a like occurrence occurred on board of us, to day, One of our hand hooked a fish last Tuesday, but he being a large sized one, parted the line and went off with hook and about a fathom of line this day we struck the same fish with a small Iron <sup>hook</sup> having the hook and line ~~attached~~ attached to him We had sailed in the time upwards of 400 miles Lat 2° 08' North Long 132° 40' West course N.W. by N

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> We have had very disagreeable weather since Friday night blowing half a gale of wind all the time with a rugged sea and rainy weather the wind is from the Eastward and fair for us to run this day at 12 M saw a large Sperm Whale about 3/4 of a mile distant where he came from or whether he went nobody knows we lowered our boat however and was down



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Sunday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Continue

About an hour when not seeing any thing of the whale returned on board it was very rugged in the boats and we were glad to get on board, it was impossible to see a spout any distance, so continued on our course N by N with reefed Topsails and Courses Lat  $6^{\circ}19'$  North Long  $136^{\circ}19'$  West It was clear to the Northward this evening, and we saw the North Star I long to see it again the other side of land, it is then the home star of the Wanderer

Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>. We have had strong winds since Sunday, so that we could not carry much of any sail Since 12 M this day it has moderated some set the main sail and jib about 2 P M this day caught an Albion weighing 85 lbs he was a pretty good haul By the appearance of the weather this afternoon we have got pretty well through the rains and shall probably have good weather with strong Trades the rest of the passage took the regular S E Trades yesterday, which brings us nearly by the wind

Lat  $9^{\circ}27'$  North Long  $136^{\circ}47'$  W  
Of Thursday B. The weather has at length become settled with fine winds from the S E and a strong current setting to the Westward plenty of Porpoises in sight the latter part of the day This day the fish left us do not like the Northern passage well



# Journal

Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with strong breezes from the Eastward at 12 M raised a whale spouting, about a mile to leeward as he turned flukes had every reason to suppose him a Sperm Whale and accordingly lowered our boats so as to be on hand for him at the next rising, he made in about 10 minutes he proved to be nothing more than a Hump Back the boats were immediately recalled and the Ship put on her course W & W had this been the first of April it would have been a Capital Poke Lat  $16^{\circ}18'N$  Long  $143^{\circ}39'West$

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Went down the Fore Top Gallient Mast on rigging and stowed them away as they are not much use and it blows hard about the Islands at this season of the year Lat  $19^{\circ}40'N$  Long  $150^{\circ}59'West$

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> The last two days has been thick and hazy and very disagreeable weather did not make the land as we expected, owing to that cause made but little headway until this day when it began to clear away, made all sail and stood on our course At 5 P M raised the land Owyhee one point on our Starboard bow bearing W by S  $\frac{1}{2}$  S and about 90 miles distant stood along during the night W & W with a good breeze saw several fires on the mountains supposed to be some volcanic eruption of which these Islands abound see a said standing W by S



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~~Monday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Arrived~~

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> At daylight took our departure from the North point of the Island and shaped our course Mowee our destined port. Had a fine view of the peak of Owyhee which was towering far above the clouds the top covered with snow the year around a grand contrast fine weather the height is estimated at Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred feet above the level of the sea and has been seen at the distance of One hundred and twenty miles we got under the lee of Mowee and here to till morning and shall probably get to an anchor by noon tomorrow what different feelings it would produce were it that Land Liberty! Peace & Plenty (America)

Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> At 4 AM made sail and stood in for the Anchoring ground with a light breeze from the South East, took a pilot at 6 PM and at 10 PM let go our anchor in 18 Fathoms of water and about one mile from the shore. Several Ships all whalers in port, of Lahina Isle of Mowee

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Engaged washing, Ships and getting ready for Painting, which together with becketing our water casks occupied the day. Three Ships arrived this day, making in all 9 sail we have plenty of company, as the principle part are Americans



# Journal

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Commenced at daylight and sent our water casks on shore. After breakfast began painting, we finished painting and got our water all on board before dark. This is what I call a good days work. None but Yankees can do it, for it takes an Englishman or Frenchman three days to do the same work they have so many long yarns and bottles of grog to get through with that it is impossible for them to work like our enterprising Countrymen. Our work being about all finished we shall commence our Liberty tomorrow -

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Starboard watch got ready this morning and in due time went ashore to amuse themselves for the day, two more ships arrived during the night so we shall have plenty of company as most of the ships have one watch on shore most of them. Those on board engaged getting off recruits.

Thursday 17 Larboard watch on shore

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Buisy getting yams Potatoes onions Beans &c &c for our cruise on Japan cleared up decks at 4 PM 3 more sail arrived this day making in all 14

Saturday This day and up to Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> we was ashore one watch each day the others were engaged in getting off our recruits



# Journal

Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> Early this morning commenced heaving up slack chain and making the necessary preparations for getting under weigh. At about 10 AM we had a light breeze from the land immediately every thing and every body was in motion the windlass was manuevered in about 10 minutes we had our anchor to the cat Head and all sail set. The Luminary of Warren and B Bosnold of Galmouth got under way at the same time. It is our intention to touch at Waoahoo for the purpose of getting letters that may have been left at that Port. We are well manuevered having shipped three of the natives of Mowee making our compliment 31. If we do not make a good season of it it will be hard luck for ~~it will~~ we are prepared at all points. Our Frenchman that shipped at Callao left at Mowee.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> At daylight was within 3 miles of the port of Honolulu the sea port of Wahoo. got breakfast and the Capt went ashore, the ship at that time laying off and on at about 12 M the boat came off with orders from the Capt to the mate to bring the ship to anchor which was immediately done in 11 fathoms of water. We lay until the next evening when the Capt having finished his business came on board took our anchor and proceeded to see stowed our anchors and chain snug for a six or seven months cruise which I hope will prove a fortunate one.



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Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> The land had disappeared during the night so that we had nothing but blue to gaze on in the afternoon we had hazy weather with some rain I shall note every thing of importance as it occurs as daily notes would be tedious and uninteresting.

Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> We have had fine weather for the last eight days with light breezes from the Eastward our course being Westward we have been nearly before the wind several of the officers and crew have been a little indisposed since leaving port probably owing to a land cruise they will recover in a short time owing to the regularity on board ship The Capt has had another sick spell since leaving port I think his health is very poor but he bears up like a lion This day crossed the Meridian and are now 45 miles east Long at 4 PM our course at present is W & W Lat  $20^{\circ} 22'$  North I am in hopes to have something to note in a few days that will hasten our voyage

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Have had a fine run from the Islands Saturday last the trade winds left us, this day it changed to the North attended with quite cold weather have not seen anything since leaving the Islands worthy of note Our folks have all recovered from the effects of their land cruise and are on hand This day commenced standing quarter watches as we are on whaling ground hope some whales will soon show themselves Lat by Obs  $29^{\circ} 51'$  North Long  $173^{\circ} 31'$  East



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Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Japan The weather for the last 3 days has been very disagreeable having had a thick fog the best part of the time with additional comfort of Cold N winds have not been able to see half a mile from the Ship since Thursday last. We are in hope to see the sun in the course of a month no Observations for several days Supposed Lat  $30^{\circ} 30'$  North Long  $172^{\circ} 15'$  East

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Thick weather still prevails we have however seen the Sun for half an hour or so at a time the last ~~two~~ two or three days very bad weather for our business we do not much of any thing but ~~eat~~ (and) very little of that sometimes for as business is dull Grog is scarce Sleep and relieve the mast head and wheel One year ago this day weighed anchor in New Bedford have been very unfortunate but we live in hopes Lat at 12 M  $30^{\circ} 03'$  North latter part of the day strong breezes attended with rain at 6 PM strong indications of a gale

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> During the night had plenty of rain with thunder and lightning very severe early this morning Close reefed the ~~Top~~ sails and at 6 AM furled the Fore Top sail and hove to with a thick fog very sharp lightning and heavy shocks of thunder during the latter part of the day, a heavy swell from the West this day and the wind abating fast towards sun down

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> This morning was cheered with the sight of the sun and a clear horizon the swell still from the Westward shall probably have the wind from that quarter near Lat  $31^{\circ} 20'$  North Long  $169^{\circ} 27'$  East



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Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> At 3 AM it commenced blowing a gale from the S E the weather very thick, and a heavy sea running, at 7 AM took in the Foresail and Mizzen Topsail Close reefed the Main Topsail and hove to, all but the whatch went below at 9 o'clock it commenced raining and during the day had a plenty of fresh water have not as yet seen anything of consequence since leaving port which is nearly two months We are now in  $154^{\circ}30'$  of East Longitude and Lat  $32^{\circ}30'$  north as soon as it clears up we shall make a board to the Southward and westward in hopes of falling in with whales

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> During the night it moderated a little, but at daylight it was blowing strong as ever with thick rainy weather had very rough night the Ship Rolling heavy

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Had a change of wind this day, at 11 AM which has knocked the sea down considerable we have a settling breeze with the weather more clear ~~than~~ then for several days The ship is now heaved to the southwest going 5 knots Lat this day  $31^{\circ}59'$  north Long  $154^{\circ}56'$  East latter part of the day strong breezes and clear weather

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Fine clear weather with light winds, have seen plenty of Bird Porpoises Fin backs Dampiers &c but nothing as yet of any sperm Whales we must have a search on board plenty of small fish around so we need not go hungry if disposed



# Journal

Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> At daylight this morning discovered a sail on our weather Quarter steering directly for us and as we wanted to hear the news (if there was any) we took her and stood for her. At 7 AM Spoke her she proved to be the Ship Frances of N Bedford 21 months out with seven hundred barrels of Sperm Oil. Capt Hussey came on board and spent the day. Capt H reports the Ship Howard of Nantucket 6 months out 50 Bbls Sperm reports also of having seen whales on Thursday bound to the South East. Capt H experienced a heavy gale on the 18 & 19 of this month in Lat 27° 30' Long 149° East attended with loss of Boats and other damage. Our position this was 20° 26' North Long 153° 49' East.

Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> We have had fine weather for the last five days have been in sight of the Frances during the time but have not spoken her since Sunday last. This morning at daylight discovered a sail on our Starboard Quarter we hauled all our wires and stood for her at 12 M Spoke her she proved to be the Bark Henryetta of London Capt Henderson bound to Woburn to repair damages she was in sea condition having experienced a tremendous gale on the 2<sup>d</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> of May last in Lat 14° S Long 144° East we was the first that he had fell in with since the gale. He lost his Mizzen Mast all his spars aloft except Main Top Mast and jib boom. She shipped a sea on the 4<sup>th</sup> that swept his decks of every thing dry works and took his Starboard Anchor.



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Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> Continued

We supplied Capt H with a boat Capt Henderson reports the loss of the American Whaler Ship Ann of N Bedford she went ashore at Copang Capt H says he has been many years at sea and has gales of all sorts but never saw it blow so hard before several of the were more or less injured but were in a fair way of recovering Lat  $30^{\circ}09'N$  Long  $155^{\circ}36'E$

Wensday 8<sup>th</sup> Have had very thick weather with strong breezes from the SW for the last three days. It cleared up with the change of the moon which took place last evening. This day at 12 M raised a shoal of sperm Whales on our horizon. Later lowered our boats and gave chase but they was not in the right temper after chasing 3 hours returned on board and got dinner at 3 PM I hope we may see them tomorrow God send us better luck if we do any change must be for the better in desperate case

Lat  $29^{\circ}15'N$  Long  $160^{\circ}11'E$  East

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> At daylight raised a sail on our weather beam heading ESE at 11 AM saw another sail one point off our lee bow heading SE the weather is fine the wind light from the SW there seems to be plenty of ships on the ground do not know whether they find employ or not Friday last saw part of a whales case  
Lat  $29^{\circ}11'N$  Long  $162^{\circ}34'E$  East



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Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with the wind to the Eastward. This day at 2 PM raised a shoal of sperm Whales. Lowered our boats and after a long pull succeeded in fastning to one which soon yielded to the power man. The other whales made tracks to leeward and we were soon in pursuit, and about 1.5 before sundown struck another which took the whole of our line and walked off with it. It being late and the 8 miles to windward it was useless to think of chasing him so we returned on board got on board at 9 PM after 7 hours hard pulling. Lat  $29^{\circ}40'$  Long  $165^{\circ}33'$  East

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

At daylight this morning commenced cutting. At 10 AM started the try works and commenced boiling. At 3 PM the cry of there she blows! was heard from the mast head right ahead stood along till within a mile of the whales lowered two boats ~~the~~ and the second rising struck one which was immediately fixed out and brought a long side secured him and the whatch went below the other whatch engaged during the night boiling. Lat & Long about the same as yesterday.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

At 6 AM called the whatch and got breakfast prior to cutting which we finished about 11 AM cleared up a little and got dinner. At 1 PM the cry of there she blows was heard from mast head they being right ahead stood along until 3 o'clock hove aback lowered 2 boats kept 2 Boats on board to carry on the works and lower if needed about 4 PM one boat struck a whale which proved to be a racer



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Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Continued

The other succeeded in getting fast and set his chimney on fire (spoting blood) which we thought would put an end to his racing, it proved otherwise, he scummed out both lines and away, he went to the windward, he went a good jog for some time but loss of blood and 400 fathoms of line drugs he made him slack his pace so much that about half an hour before sundown we got along side of him and gave him two new lances which completed the work of death took him in tow and got along side at 10 PM secured him spliced the main brace got supper and the watch turned in the others engaged boiling, we have plenty of work and plenty of willing hearts to perform it our luck has turned and we have a prospect before us three large Whales in 3 days hand running is not picked up by every one these days Lat  $29^{\circ} 53'$  Long  $165^{\circ} 15'$  East

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Finished cutting, All hands engaged setting up castles Coopering it is not very agreeable work for the Sabbath but in this case it cannot be helped so we must get over it the best way we can plenty of and fine weather saw nothing of consequence this day,

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Finished boiling at 8 AM washed of decks and took account of the Oil Found ~~that~~ that the 3 Whales made us 200 and twenty Bbls of oil worth about seven thousand Dollars at home this is doing pretty fair business for 5 days Latitude  $30^{\circ} 11'$  North Longitude  $165^{\circ} 44'$  East we have had no breeze this day but it looks as though we might before morning



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Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> At day light called all hands and commenced stowing down our oil which was completed and the decks washed off before dark our deck all clean and ready for two hundred more as soon as fortune may favour us the weather is fine for ~~our~~ business nothing in sight this day.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Fine breezes from the N.E. at 6 PM passed a ship on our lee buting in a whale did not speak her the whales appear to be on the ground I am <sup>in hopes</sup> to fall in with them again we need them very much  
Lat 29° 37' N Long 165° 15' East

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with fine light breezes from the Eastward, the ships in sight of us this day. We have plenty of company but none of us has been lucky enough to see anything worthy of note this day, shall probably speak one of them if we continue on the ground. We are 14 months this day with 500 Bbls of oil rather low but are in hopes bettering our condition soon  
Lat 29° 34' North Long 164° 24' East

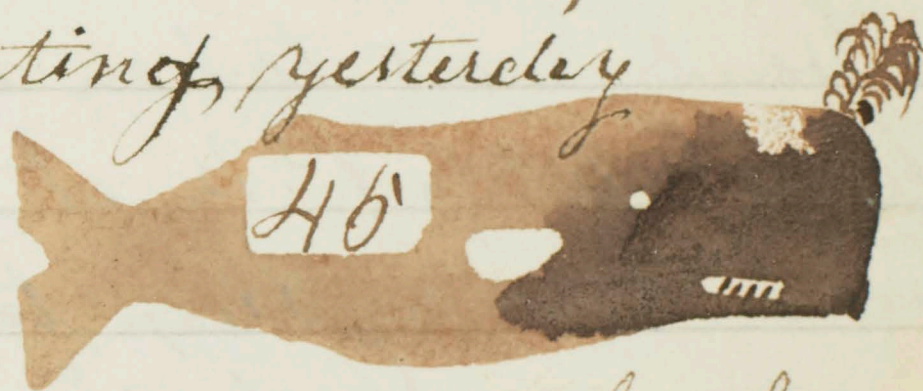
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> At daylight we had three ships in sight of us ourselves making the fourth all headed to the S.E. we tacked and stood to the N.E. our chance was small one ship on our weather bow one ahead one on our lee. Lat at 12 M 29° 54' North Longitude by Lunar Observation 164° 34' East I am in hopes we shall speak one of these ships they look as though they might have some letters God knows I want one bad enough



# Journal

Saturday July 2<sup>d</sup> Fine weather with moderate breezes from the Eastward At daylight this morning discovered a ship cutting in a whale which was probably taken the Evening before — Yesterday passed to windward of a ship that was under short sail a good sign that there is whales on the ground we are idle at present as regards Whaling Seaman busy this day rattling down the main rigging which was completed before dark There appears to be whales on the ground they have escaped us some how this fortnight. Better luck by & bye The fourth of July is at hand we must celebrate it by catching a 100 Bbl Whale  
Lat 32° 06' North Long 167° 21' East

Sunday July 3<sup>d</sup> Fine weather with the wind from the S E This afternoon spoke the ship Lephyr Capt Gardner of N Bedford 36 months out ~~with~~ with 2000 Bbls of Spmbl Our Capt went on board she was boiling the whale we saw her cutting yesterday



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Independence At daylight this morning we were aroused not by the ringing of Bells or the roaring of cannon but by the cry of all hands Ho! Ho! stand by the Boats On going on deck found there was whales jam about of us and Lephyr boats in pursuit Ours was immediately after them After pulling from 1/2 past 4 till 11 AM without meeting with any success except striking one whale and losing him by the line parting Shaped our course for ship and got dinner and breakfast all under one At 2 PM the cry of them the Blows! was sounded again 4 points off our lee bow we kept the ship off and got near enough about 4 PM to lower our boats after pulling about 8 miles we struck one which was killed in a few moments and brought along side before dark and commenced cutting Lat 31-39' N Long 167-15' East



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Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> This morning at daylight called all hands and finished cutting and commenced boiling about 7 AM the whale will make about 45 Barrels better than nothing for our 4<sup>th</sup> of July's struggle Lat 31° 45' N Long 168° 17' East

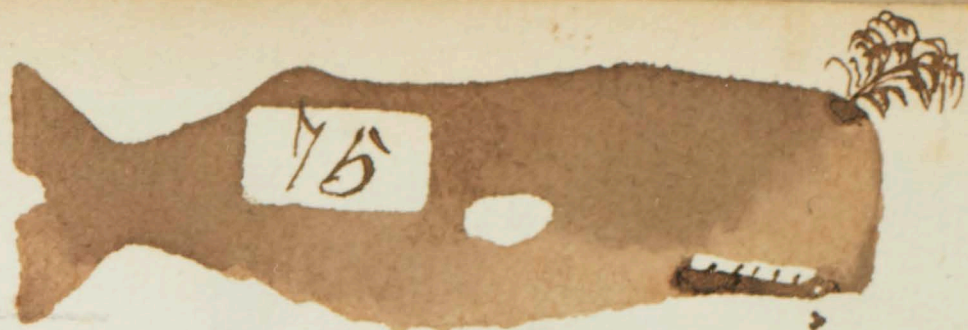
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Finished boiling at 4 AM cleared up decks and took account of the oil found he here made us 44 Barrels the watch went below saw a sail on our lee supposed her the Tophyr Lat 31° 57' N Long 167° 54' East

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> We have very disagreeable weather the last day or two have had plenty of rain and squalls At 3 PM raised a shoal of sperm whales off our lee and got every thing in readiness to lower our boats, when there was a squall to beware coming very fast which had been gathering for the last 2 hours it struck us with all fury, a scene ensued far different than we expected, every rag of sail was taken in and it blew a regular hurricane for two hours at 6 PM it moderated a little and we set the main spence, saw a ship to windward before the squall  
Lat 30° 38' N Long 168° 13' East

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> This morning made all sail and run to the South East At 10 AM raised a sail right ahead thinking it was the Tophyr continued on our course did not perceive our mistake untill 3 PM hauled our wind and stood to the East At 1/2 past 4 he backed his main top sail we hauled up and run for him and at 6 PM spoke her she proved to be the Ship Walter Scott of Nantucket 20 months out with four hundred and fifty barrels sperm oil, she reports a number of disasters of Whale Ships in Panama Bay last season 2 or 3 completely wrecked and a number of others more or less injured among the latter was the Margaret Scott of F Haven Lat 30° 02' N Long 167° 01' East



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Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Light breezes from the S.E. at daylight this morning, tacked ship and stood to the Northward. At 1 P.M. the welcome sound of there she blows! was heard and what was still more welcome was that it is large sperm whale right ahead. Stood along about an hour and then lowered away 3 boats we struck him, the rising after we lowered and he soon hoisted the signal of ~~distress~~ distress in about an hour from the time we lowered we had him along side and began to cut. We succeeded in getting his body in board before night. Lat  $30^{\circ} 28' N$  Long  $168^{\circ} 24' E$

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Finished cutting about 7 A.M. and commenced boiling. He is noble fish and we have fine weather. At 1 P.M. raised a sail on our weather beam supposed her to have whales around by her maneuvering. We think it is the W. Scott hope they will get a whale to cheer them up. They are nearly discouraged if we might judge from their conversation on Sunday. Latitude  $30^{\circ} 23' N$  Longitude  $167^{\circ} 50' E$

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> At daylight this morning discovered a ship off our weather beam 3 miles distant cutting in a whale. Finished boiling at 4 P.M. washed ship and took account of the oil found. He had yielded us 80 barrels to add to our store. It is four weeks this day since we took our first whale on Japan and in that time we have taken rising of three hundred barrels which we are truly thankful for.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> The first part of the day plenty of rain, it cleared up toward noon with light breezes from the S.E. made sail and stood to the S.W. at sundown it was nearly calm. Yesterday stowed down our oil and it proved quite fortunate for the rain is very injurious to the casks when coopered ready to stow down. Lat  $31^{\circ} 03' N$  Long  $168^{\circ} 11' E$



# Journal

Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> We have had a fine day with gentle breezes from the S E Saw three ships this day all running to the S West as we have seen nothing for the last four or five days at sundown we tacked ship and ~~run~~ run to the SSW with all sail out  
Lat 31° 41' N Long 168° 28' East

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> At daylight this morning raised a sail off our <sup>lee</sup>boiling we had strong winds from the Eastward At 3 PM raised a shoal of Sperm Whales 2 points off our weather bow stood along until we brought them off our beam then lowered 2 boats one boat went along side but by some reason or another did not fasten the whales took the hint away the sailed to windward we as is generally is the case chased when it was useless until nearly dark then returned on board Lat this day 30° 34' N Long 167° 50' East

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> This has been a hard and unsuccessful days work for us At daylight this morning the Cry of there the Blows! was heard again 4 point off weather bow We made two board and heeled for them as they going to leeward stood along about an hour when we saw them to leeward of us our Boats was soon on track the Whales (some of the) took different rout and by so doing the boat became two parties 2 in each party the leeward boats met no better success than than 20 mile pull While the weather boats succeeded in getting fast but no better success than (after being fast for some time) than a boat stove all to splinters In hopes of being more fortunate next time  
Lat 30° 41' N Long 167° 29' East



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Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>

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Strong breezes during the night passed a ship. Early this morning heeded to S. & boiling at 6 AM raised a shoal of sperm whales off our lee beam the ship was immediately headed for them, ~~run~~ run within about half a mile of them when we lowered our boats for the chase after being down about half an hour one boat succeeded in getting fast and in about ten minutes more two boats <sup>other</sup> was lucky enough to get fast and each killed his own whale. Took them along side and commenced cutting succeeded in getting their bodies aboard at sundown, cleared up the decks set the whatch and commenced boiling so ends this day our luck has turned since yesterday. Lat 30° 58' North Long 167° 20' East

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Called the whatch at 6 AM got breakfast and began to cut the whales head that lay along side during the night finished a 10 AM and set the works agoing, again we have fine weather and there appears to be plenty of whales on the ground saw nothing this day worthy of note

Lat 30° 35' North Long 167° 40' East

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Finished boiling at 4 AM washed ship got breakfast, took account of oil found three whales back made us 85 Bbls We have fine weather with light breezes from the Eastward. saw nothing this save the blue above and the blue below

Lat 30 24 Long 167.04 East

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Light breezes from the S & at 9 AM spoke the Ship Geo & Mary Capt Coffin of Nantucket 30 months out 1300 Spm saw another ship to leeward at 5 PM raised whales and gave chase to them chased till sun down not meeting with any success returned on board Lat 30 34 N Long 167 49



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> At daylight this morning discovered a sail to the leeward boiling, and at 5 AM the cheering cry of there she blows! was heard from the Mast head. Where away cries our Capt! three points off our lee ~~quarter~~ quarter, and about three miles distant we immediately wore Ship and run for them. when we were within a mile of the Whales we down boats for the chase. After chasing about half an hour got in to company with the other Ships boats but they soon gave up and we continued to chase and succeeded in striking one of them which soon gave himself up to our superior judgment, and <sup>was</sup> brought to the Ship. We got our dinters and commenced cutting, as we were about finishing the cry of there she blows! was again sounded three points off our weather bow about two miles distant. We finished cutting and by that time the Whales was jam aboard of us, down boats again and in about three quarters of an hour one more of these monsters of the sea had yielded to the power of man. We took him to the Ship and at sundown had him nicely inboard and the decks cleared up got our suppers set the watch and try works agoing, all hands well pleased with ~~with~~ this days work. The whales will make about 30 Bbls each. 30° 41 N. Long. 167° 46 East

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> We have fine weather and light breezes this day. about 9 AM raised a shoal of ~~weather~~ <sup>off our weather</sup> whales, bow headed about the same as the Ship, kept the run of them till dinner time, it being moderate lowered three boats and gave chase in about two hours succeeded in getting fast, and setting his chimney on fire.



# Journal

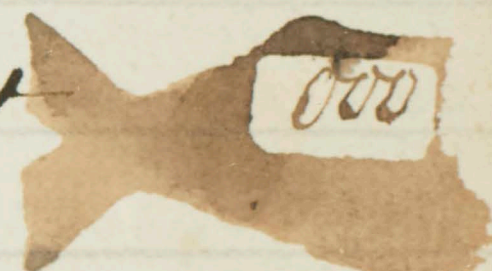


Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Continued

We soon had him tow for the ship which was about six miles distant, and still boiling and another coming for her. We got along side about 4 PM and commenced cutting, and at sun down had him inboard, got supper and set the try works agoing. It is fine weather for our business and there appears to be a plenty of whales on the ground. all we wish for is a continuation of both. Lat 30.24 North Long 168.03 East

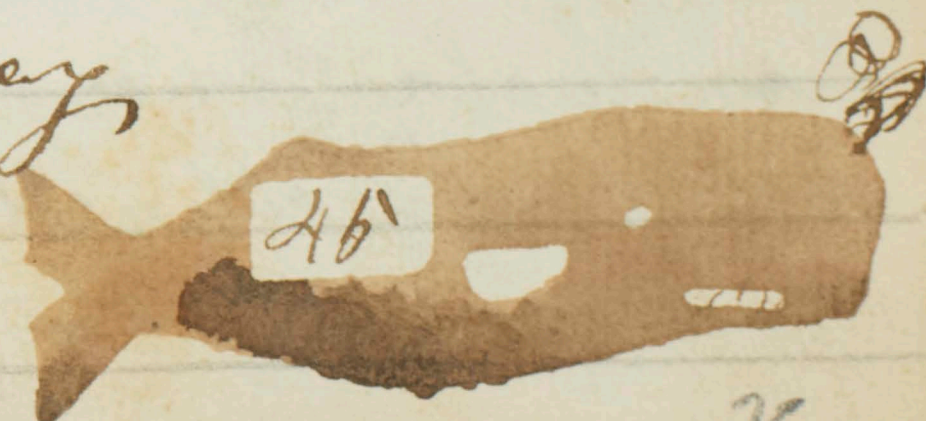
Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup> The weather this morning looks rather unfavourable a heavy swell from the westward and every appearance of a gale from that quarter. This afternoon raised whales and gave chase to them met with no success.

Latitude 29.30 North Long 168.00 East



Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> A heavy breeze and swell from the westward. busy this day setting up casts about 1 PM the man at mast head sings out there is a sperm Whale right ahead half a mile distant we immediately luffed to the wind with the Main topsail aback and lowered away three boats and in about half an hour one boat got fast had been fast a few minutes when up came 2 more whales and another boat fastened and killed his own whale, the drew from the other whale and he made his escape, he could not live long he was hurt considerable so we killed one after fastening to two of them and took him along side about 4 PM and secured him. The wind having increased since lowering to a gale and tremendous heavy sea running. No Observations this day.

3 PM Lat 30.21 North Long 167.20 East





# Journal

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Continued We should have had time to cut him in if it had been good weather ~~but~~<sup>what</sup> we could have cut would not have been of <sup>any</sup> help to us so we concluded to let him lay and take a whole day and a gale of wind for it  
Lat 30° 27' N Long 167° 20' East

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Called all hands at daylight commenced cutting with the gale still increasing at 2 PM finished cutting and commenced boiling took in all sail to a main spencer and Fore Top mast staytail no prospect of the gales abating Lat 30° 37' N Long 167° 04' E

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> At 7 AM this morning we were obliged to stop trying out having had our fires put out several times during the night and having about one hundred barrels of oil on deck we thought it best to secure that and went to work struck it between decks which being done got our dinner and all but the watch went below it blowing a tremendous gale

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> All hands was mustered out this morning at day light the <sup>gale</sup> having broken about 12 o'clock at night set the works agoing set the Main Topmast Close reefed and the Fore Sail goose winged cleared up the decks of the broken fragments &c saw nothing during the day worthy of notice  
Lat 30° 44' N Long 167° 45' East

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Finished boiling this morning and washed ship and the watch turned below took account of the oil and found he had made us 45 barrels better than nothing we had work saving him if we had been lucky enough to have killed both whales we should have been obliged to ~~have~~ let him go from the ship in consequence of the gale



# Journal

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> The weather has got to be fine again with light breezes from the westward at 10 o'clock PM raised a sail three points off our weather bow steering towards us, at sun down we shortened sail as usual on cruising ground and at half past nine spoke the Ship Rodman Capt Whitton of New Bedford 24 months out 2500 Barrels Sperm Oil. she has been exceedingly lucky having taken eight hundred barrels the last three months Capt Whitton reports the Ship Emerald Capt Merchant of N Bedford having in the late gale lost boats, Bullworks Top Gallant Masts &c and a number of other ships with loss of boats, saw nothing worthy of note during the day

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> This day we have had fine weather with light breezes from the Southward, about 9 AM discovered a sail two points off our weather bow and drawing up with her found she was boiling a pretty good sign that the whales had not all left the ground as yet at 1 PM raised another sail to leeward we run towards her and at 4 PM she backed her main Top sail and set colors at Fore mast head we run down and spoke her she proved to be the Benjamin Tucker of New Bedford thirty three ~~months~~ months out with ~~sixteen~~ sixteen hundred and fifty barrels of Sperm Oil Capt Worth came on board and spent the evening Saw several Fin backs and shoal of porpoises during the day, I have not seen the sign of any Sperm Whales since the third of the month we are in hopes to fall in with some soon when we do I hope we may have better weather then we had with the last one Show yourselves we are ready for you



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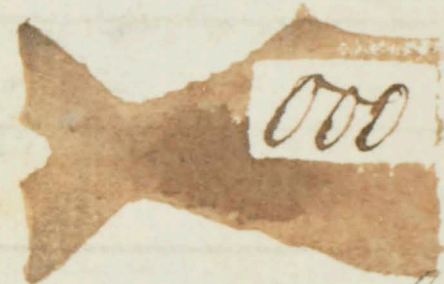
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> we were saluted this morning at ~~about~~ 6 o'clock with the cry of there she blows! directly ahead about one mile distant we immediatly got our boats in readiness and lowered away for him, the first rising he made, we succeeded in getting along side of him but by some reason or other did not fasten to him he immediatly turned to windward and away he sailed we chase him about three hours when another boat went up to him and got one iron slightly into him but before there was any chance to get another, one in it came out and he set sail we continued chasing about an hour with out gaining any on him we returned on board and kept the run of him from the ship until about 2 P.M. when <sup>he</sup> disappeared in the rays of the sun. About 1 P.M. discovered a Ship two points of our weather bow manuvering as though he was among whales we drew up to him saw he was boiling also saw him take a whale along side, at about half past four we again discovered the whale we had been persuit of we were soon in pursuit of him again and the first time he showed himself one boat went on to him pined him hard and fast the other boats closed in and we soon had his chimney on fire and <sup>at</sup> sun down took him along side <sup>and</sup> secured him and went below to supper. On coming up from supper we discovered a boat coming from the ship to windward she proved to be Ship Young Eagle of Nantucket twenty two months out with 21 hundred barrels of Sperrn Oil Capt Aston she has been very lucky I hope we will be as well of as she is when we are the same time out. We have had rather a hard ~~aga~~ seige to day, but the whale is now along side and all toil is forgotten.  
Lat 30° 52' N Long 167° 54' East



# Journal

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Called all hands at daylight got breakfast and commenced cutting we finished at 11 AM got our dinners made sail &c as usual saw nothing worthy of note during the day

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Finished boiling this afternoon and washed ship, and took account of the oil found the he had made us one hundred eight barrels of oil. He was a noble fellow and had a noble head of his own it made 48 barrels of oil nearly one half of him was head in all probability his <sup>head</sup> would have yielded as much as his body had it not been for a for a large sore that he had on his head the part called junk which yields oil very fast there was so much of it decayed and gone that we could have laid a four barrel cask into it and it would not any more than fill it. His teeth also was considerably decayed and he wore the marks of being an old cruiser here or some other ground  
Lat 30°40' N Long 167°34' East



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> The weather still continues to hold with strong breezes from SW this afternoon at 2 PM raised a school of sperm whales directly ahead going very quick to windward we immediately had our boats in the water in pursuit of them we pulled about four miles to the windward of the ship and laid on our oars waiting for them reappear on the surface of the water After laying about one hour and not seeing anything of the whales or any signal from the ship we shaped our course for the ship we got within a quarter of a mile of the ship saw the ships were and make signal of whale off her bow we gave chase and after pulling 8 hours without meeting with any success returned on board

Lat 29°30' N Long 167°42' East



# Journal

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> We have clear weather with strong breezes from the N.E. about 10 AM raised a sail 3 points of our weather bow at 12 M saw her tack ship and stand to the N.E. the same way that we was stand at 4 PM exchanged signals with her and she immediately kept off for us, at 6 PM we spoke she proved to be the Bark Ranger of London Capt. Green twenty six months out with eight hundred barrels of Sperm Oil she has <sup>not</sup> been very lucky this season she <sup>has</sup> not taken a drop on Japan 30° 43' N Long 167° 43' East we are bound to the East as fast as possible

Friday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> We have had most all sorts of weather the last few days have been in company with the Ranger since speaking her this morning raised two other ships At half past 9 AM backed our main Top sail as a signal to speak there being a ship to windward of us she kept away for us and at 11 AM spoke the ship Peruvian Capt. Butler of Nantucket 25 months out with thirteen hundred barrels of sperm oil. Capt. Butler has seen plenty of whales this season but owing to hard luck or bad management he has ~~not~~ succeeded in taking two hundred Bbls only. Capt. A. being a man 60 years of age our Capt out of respect lowered his boat went on board to pay him a visit, but at 1 o'clock PM they disturbed by the cry of three the blows! 4 points off our lee bow. Our Captain was soon on board and we lowered our boats with the Peruvians and gave chase to them. We saw one of her boats get one iron slightly in to a whale but but he could get another in the fish was off. Saw another of her boats go along side of a whale and make a fair miss of it if we could have had the chances I think that



# Journal

Friday Sep 3<sup>d</sup> Continued

We should have had one of them at least, but these ifs are always in the way that frightened them and they set sail and off they went we chased until about 5 PM when not meeting with any success shaped our course for the ship, being rather tired. The heavy appearance that <sup>the</sup> weather bore this morning has settled away to fine pleasant weather, we are now bound to the East as it is getting late in the season and whales not so plenty as in July we are in hopes of falling in with some before we leave the ground when we do may there be no other ship in sight Lat 31° 3' Long 175° 26'



Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> It was a fine morning, and about 6 o'clock the cry of there she blows! was sounded off our Starboard Board there she blows! again, and a sperm Whale. Well we will try to get him answered our Capt. We immediately got our Breakfast and as soon as we had done breakfast he made his appearance ahead of us half a mile. We immediately had our boats in the water and succeeded in getting up pretty handy when he perceived the Boat and he down with his tacks and sailed and we after him we chased him until half past two PM when he rolled to windward and we shaped our course for the Ship. During the time we were chasing there was two ships came in sight and came up to weather of us, after dinner we tacked ship and stood away from them and gave the whale up as gone.



# Journal

Thursday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Continued

At 4 PM we saw one of the ships maneuvering, and saw her lower the boats we immediately wore ship and run for her we got within a quarter of a mile of her, and the whale came up under our lee close to we lowered our boats again and gave chase and a few minutes after sun down succeeded in getting fast to him and soon had him at our own command took him along side and ~~secured~~ secured him spliced the Main Brace got our suppers set the watch all hand pretty much beat out. Our Patriot Bathers in their glorious struggle for Liberty, never endured more hard ships in one day than we have in this

Latitude  $30^{\circ}59'$  Longitude  $174^{\circ}50'$  East

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Called all hands at daylight got breakfast and commenced cutting. Finished At 1 PM and commenced boiling. We had squally weather through the night but we have a fine day to day saw a ship to leeward cutting in a whale at about 8 AM raised a sail off our weather beam running towards us she crossed our wake about 1 mile astern and showed English Colours. While cutting this whale we found a harpoon (the head of one) in him which had (by the looks of the flesh around it) been in him a considerable length of time and in all probability that was what made him keep such a sharp lookout for our boats however we have got him secure and he will make us forty or fifty.

Lat  $30^{\circ}49'$  North Long  $174^{\circ}48'$  East



# Journal

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Fine weather the first part of the day, at 12 M finished boiling, the <sup>wind</sup> changed to the westward and we had frequent squall of rain during the afternoon At 1 P M Spoke the bark Indian of London she is 38 months out with 1700 barrels of sperm Oil, and at half past 4 P M spoke the Bark Thames of London 29 months out with four hundred barrels of Oil 200 Whale The Thames was from the North West Coast the reports of seeing a number of american whalers there and plenty of Whales it appears she had hard luck No Obs

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the Eastward This day spoke The Ship Sarah Frances of W Haver Capt Daggett she has been very unsuccessful this season having taken only 90 Barrels Capt D report of having heard from the Young Eagle with nine hundred this season we shall leave the ground as soon as we take a fair breeze

Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> Nothing worthy note has occurred since the last date until this day when we have a change of wind and we are making the best of our way in to port

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> We have good weather and a continuation of fair wind At daylight this morning raised a sail ahead on coming up with her found her to be the Bark Nye of N Bedford Capt Smith three years out with 800 Barrels of sperm Oil



## Journal

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> The breeze still continues fair for us at daylight this morning discovered two ~~small~~ Ships one in our wake one off our lee bow but they both disappeared before dark.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> We made the land last night at 11 PM was within twelve miles of it we immediately hauled off, double reefed the Top sails and hove to for daylight to make its appearance. At the break of day this morning we hauled up the helm and made all sail for the anchorage and at 9 o'clock AM let our anchor go in 20 fathoms of water and about one mile and a half from the shore quite a number of Ships laying here all Whalers, we immediately got a raft of water casks ready and sent them on shore to be filled and while they were filling we had another ready and off and at sundown we had all our water on board this is what every Ship dont complete in one day we have had no time to play this day.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Our recruits being all on board and not much work to do we have had one watch on liberty ashore so that they might knock some of the scurvy out of their legs after a seven months cruise.



Journal  
Monday November 1<sup>st</sup> The Capt came on board  
this morning at about seven o'clock and gave orders to  
get under way which was immediately done and at  
12 M we took the trades and left the heathen shores of  
the Sandwich Islands for the coast of California, As at this  
season of the year Sperm Whales visit that region and  
we feel in hopes that they wont forget to visit it this  
season At 2 P M Anchors and cables stowed and the  
Starboard Whatch turned below While laying in port  
I fell in with my old School mate Thomas Gallman  
we had the pleasure of spending one day and two  
evenings together talking over our pranks when we  
were school boys together but those days <sup>are</sup> past and gone <sup>and</sup> old  
age is fast crawling along ~~with~~ on us

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Yesterday we shot out of the Trade Winds  
and lay in a calm until this afternoon <sup>when</sup> we took the variable  
winds and went our Course which was N E by E We have  
seen nothing since leaving the Islands worthy of note  
Lat 29° 21' North Long not observed

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> We have cold blowy weather last night  
we experienced a ~~heavy~~ heavy squall which done us some  
damage which gives us employment for this day we find  
it very cold in this Latitude at this season of the year  
especially with a Northerly wind



# Journal

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from the NNE and cold weather, this day painted one boat and various other jobs done about the ship any thing to keep poor Jack on the move this day saw some Fin Backs the first seen since leaving port They are not what we are persuit of so they passed unmolested Lat at 12 M  $35^{\circ}19'$  Long  $142^{\circ}11'$  West

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

We was this day in the Latitude of  $36^{\circ}42'$  North Longitude at 4 PM  $139^{\circ}53'$  West and all hands very busily engaged doing nothing, it being cold squally uncomfortable weather saw nothing that was the object of our desire

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Commenced this morning after breakfast breaking out between decks on purpose to see if things were all at rights if not to put them at rights finished at 3 PM and then took the bow boat in and put a new one in her place, It has been a pleasant day with the wind from the Northward

Lat  $37^{\circ}21'$  North Long  $136^{\circ}55'$  West

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with light breezes from the North west About 3 o'clock this afternoon we raised a shoal of Blackfish, all hands eager for the sport and a little of their meat the Capt said we might try to catch one we lowered two boats struck one the irons drew and we lost him we tried them again but they knew too much



# Journal

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Fine weather and light breezes from the N<sup>W</sup> still continue. Yesterday morning commenced breaking out and cooping our meat which give us employ until this afternoon when made a finish of it and found that we had one hundred thirty five Bbls of Beef and Pork seen nothing worthy of remark.

Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the North and Westward the whatches on deck this day have been employed mending the Mainsail and bending it the weather has got to be quite comfortable and we hope it will continue so as we have had very cold disagreeable weather on our passage from the Islands

Lat 30° 15' N Long 122° 15' West

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

At daylight this morning discovered the Island of Gaudaloupe right ahead about twenty miles distant after a passage of thirty three days from the Islands and have not as yet seen the Spout of a Spm Whale. We however took three Porpoises which made us a very good supper and will keep us in fresh meat for several days.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> First part of this day light breezes from the N<sup>W</sup> at 12 M it was nearly up and down and Cape St Lucas in sight at 3 o'clock this afternoon a shoal of B Fish came along we lowered our boats and captured one so we have more fresh meat enough for several days more



# Journal

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the Westward At about 9 o'clock this forenoon our Capt lowered down his boat went on shore at Cape St Lucas found a chance to trade away some of his goods he came on board and got them ready and after dinner lowered down two boats and took them on shore one boat returned with wood the other with a bullock weighing about six hundred fifty so we shall not go hungry as long as he lasts

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> First part of this day, light breezes from the Westward middle and latter part strong gales ~~About~~ About 9 o'clock this forenoon raised a shoal of whales breaching right ahead about six miles distant we could not ascertain what kind they were as they went out of sight to windward

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Strong breezes from the North this day about half past eight squared the yards and put away for the Maria Islands Bearing S E by E  $3\frac{1}{4}$  E distance 195 miles We have this day left a place where there has been thousands of Barrels taken and where our own Capt has been making out his voyages and we have been here three weeks and have not seen the sign of a Spm Whale

Lat 22° 23' N Long 108° 00' West



# Journal

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

We have fine weather and light breezes from the NW At about 9 AM the Maria Islands presented themselves to our view we shall in all probability have a chance to step our foot upon the soil tomorrow for the purpose of getting wood

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

We have had fine weather this day and a hard jaunt of it ashore. This morning immediately after breakfast lowered down three boats and proceeded ashore we arrived after pulling about fifteen miles and commenced cutting and backing down <sup>wood</sup> we cut until we had a sufficient quantity to load our boats we loaded them stowed for the ship and got on board at 2 PM both hungry and tired. These Islands are uninhabited are entirely covered with woods they lay in sight of the Spanish coast and owned by them. While on shore here we killed a snake about eight foot long, no doubt there is plenty of them here as they are seldom molested. After getting our wood on board we squared the yards and shaped our course for the Equinoctial line shall if possible fetch the Galapagos Islands.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the North at about 11 AM lost sight of the Maria Islands and raised Cape Corrientes bearing E S E 30 miles distant Rattled down the fore Topping this day



# Journal

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

Fine weather through the day, the Coast of Mexico in sight we have been employed this day, in the Fore Topmast Rigg and at sundown we caught three Porpoises which gives us another stock of fresh meat Lat  $19^{\circ}20'N$  Long  $105^{\circ}15'W$

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas the birth day of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ This morning W<sup>B</sup> Devoll went aft to the Capt who was at work repairing a boat that was stove in July last on Japan and asked him if he was aware that it was against Gods law to work on the Sabbath The Capt shoved and kicked him along forward. Devoll who was a truly pious young <sup>man</sup> told him he cared not for his abun but ~~that~~ says he I have done as the Lord commands me to do and his last words to him were, may the Lord have mercy on your poor soul My poor man so ended this scrape The Capt continued on his work part of the day and gave it up This is not the unnecessary work that has been done on Sunday this voyage by no means

Lat  $18^{\circ}35'S$  Long  $104^{\circ}27'W$

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> The weather this morning ~~was~~ bore the appearance of being a fine, but it soon changed its aspect and about half past eight a heavy squall struck us parted our Starboard Fore Top sail sheet which let the sail flat and away it went to leeward in pieces. It continued squally through the day with rain, heavy thunder and sharp Lightning Lat  $18^{\circ}13'S$  Long  $105^{\circ}30'W$



Journal  
Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup> 1843

Fine weather and light breezes from the Eastward nothing doing on board this day it being Sunday so we sit round talking of New Year and the folks at home. We saw nothing through the day worthy of note. The prospect that we have before us for a full ship at the present is a dull one, although we have plenty time to fill the ship as yet if we can fall in with the whales and be at home in less time than we are fitted for, but these ifs are always in the way any how we must do the best we can  
Lat  $13^{\circ}40'$  North Long  $103^{\circ}12'$  West

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the N.E. the boat is at last finished painted to day. Our Latitude this day at 12 M was  $09^{\circ}41'$  North Long  $100^{\circ}47'$  West Saw nothing during the day worthy of note

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with the wind from the N and Eastward. Our Latitude this day at 12 M was  $5^{\circ}41'$  N and our Longitude at 4 P M was  $101^{\circ}18'$  West Saw nothing as usual during the day.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Squalls of rain during the day with the breeze from the Eastward. Saw nothing which we can see any time by looking. Our Latitude at 12 M was  $5^{\circ}12'$  North. Our Longitude at 4 P M  $99^{\circ}53'$  West



# Journal

Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup>. Squally weather during the day, with some rain. We have seen nothing since last date except Porpoises and we chatched one which gives us another fresh mess. With the bullock we got at Cape St Lucas Porpoises and Black Fish caught before and since we have been pretty fairly stocked with fresh meat on this cruise. No Observation.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. Fine clear weather with strong breezes from the South East. A year ago this day we took a Whale on the off shore but this day we have not seen one much more to take one he was the first one we captured this side. Our Latitude this day at 12 M was  $1^{\circ} 15'$  North and our Longitude at 4 PM was  $99^{\circ} 19'$  West.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fine clear weather with strong breezes from the South East. The small fish have come around us so there is no need of our going hungry for fresh fish. Saw nothing during the day save the Blue above and the Blue below. Lat at 12 M  $00^{\circ} 37'$  South Long at 4 PM  $102^{\circ} 28'$  West.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

We have had this day fine weather with light breezes from the South East. This morning Revised Black Fish and lowered down three Boats struck and saved three of them hove them in on deck Stripped off their Blue <sup>bar</sup> saved what meat we wanted and gave the rest to the Sharks. Lat  $2^{\circ} 20'$  South Long  $103^{\circ} 15'$  West.



# Journal

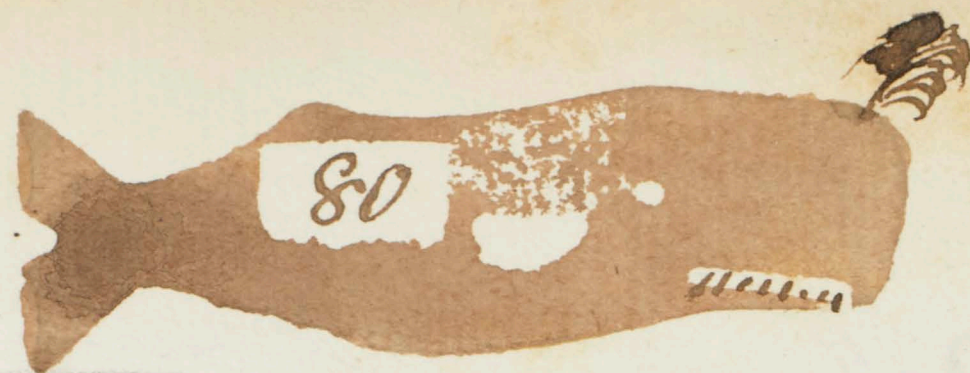
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from the S E with clear weather nothing worthy of note has occurred during the day except boiling out the Black Fish blubber taken yesterday. the three made us five and a half barrels It is as good as sperm Oil to us for the first sperm Whale we take it will be boiled in with him. We often fall in with Black Fish and pass them unmolested for while chasing them if we should keep the ship going and keep a good look out we might raise up a sperm Whale and perhaps capture him, and he would be worth all the Black Fish we shall see the voyage. Since leaving the Islands we have been over some as good Whaling ground as there is in the Pacific Ocean (or was in former days) And where our own Capt has taken six hundred never less than three only making his passage round not stopping to make any kind of a cruise but as soon as he could cut in his whale make sail and procede on his course But we have not been fortunate to see the spout of a sperm Whale as yet. This is discouraging especially to the Capt who has always been exceedingly <sup>lucky</sup> Whaling, however he keeps up good spirits and thinks his usual good luck is coming yet God grant it may.

Lat  $3^{\circ}20'S$  Long  $104^{\circ}22'W$

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Fine clear weather with strong breezes from the South East We still have our usual good luck of seeing nothing Our Latitude this day at 12 M was  $5^{\circ}37'S$  and our Long at 4 PM  $106^{\circ}18'W$



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Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>



Fine clear weather with light breezes from the S East. Fortune has at last favoured us when we little expected it. At about half past one this afternoon we was cheered with the cry of there she blows! Off our lee beam about two miles distant. The ship was immediately headed for him. When within a mile of him the cry of there goes flukes sounded from aloft. The ship was immediately brought to the wind, (our boats being all in readiness) and we lay waiting for him to make his reappearance on the surface, which he did <sup>in</sup> fifty five minutes, we then lowered three boats in pursuit of him but before we came up to him he again went down but his stay this ~~time~~ time was short and when he showed himself again we went up to him succeeded in getting fast, the other two boats closed in and he soon yielded to the power of man. At 4 PM we had him secured along side and commenced the usual operations of fleecing. At sun down knocked off work got supper and set the watches for the night. He is a noble fellow and will make us 75 or 80 Bbls  
Lat 4.00 South Long 108° 30' West

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the S East. At daylight this morning called all hands ~~at daylight~~ and finished cutting at 10 AM and set the try works agoing. Have seen nothing during the day worthy of note.



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Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with light breezes from the S E  
We finished boiling at 4 PM washed Ship took account of the  
Oil and found that we had 80 Barrells more to add to our store  
and would like very well to lower our boats again tomorrow  
and capture eighty more We have been on good whaling ground  
this last two weeks and have not seen the sign of a ship, as we  
work off to the westward we shall in all probability fall in  
with them I would sooner fall in with another whale like  
this last one taken Nothing in sight save the blue above and below

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Called all hands at daylight commenced  
breaking out for the purpose of stowing down our oil, which  
we completed at about 4 PM We still have the fine gentle  
breezes of the South East Trades. Nothing in sight during  
the day worthy of note.

Lat 1° 50' South Long 113° 00' West

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Fine clear weather with light breezes from  
the S East. Our Latitude this day at 12 M was 2° 50' S  
Long at 4 PM 115° 35' West Saw some Blackfish and Porpoises  
since the last note All hands arous to fall in with  
whales as we have not work enough to keep the blood in  
circulation and we getting to be most two years out with  
1100 Bbls and not any more. We feel in hopes that Japan  
will give us a thousand Barrells at least. if it does not  
we must make up our faces for a 4 years voyage



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Friday Feb 17<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with light breezes from the S East At ~~about~~ about eight AM we raised a sail a point off our lee bow, we kept off for her, and she backed her Main Gopsail and at half past 9 AM we spoke her She proved to be the Bark Yelloes Capt Brewster of Stonington twelve months out six hundred Barrells of Sperm Oil. Capt B reports of having spoke a few days previous the Ship Amazon of 876 seventeen months out with two hundred fifty Bbls Sperm she is in rather a low condition Capt B also reports a number of ships on the off shore in a low state as regards Oil. The Yelloes is the ~~last~~ first ship we have seen since leaving the Islands Saw this day two ships on our weather bow

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

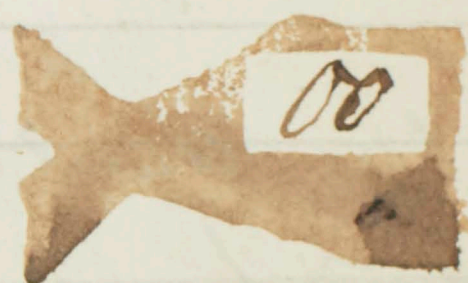
Fine weather with light breezes from the South East. last night after parting company with the Yelloes, wore ship and stood to the Southward, and at daylight this morning tacked and stood to the S East Saw nothing of consequence until about 2 PM when we raised a sail four points off our weather bow steering directly for us At about half past 3 PM Backed our Main Gopsail and a few minutes past 4 spoke the Bark Martha of Fair Haven Capt Hammond thirty months out with a thousand and fifty Barrells of Sperm Oil. At sun down raised a shoal of Sperm Whales lowered for them but meet with no success It being late could not give them a fair try



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Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with light breezes from the South East. We have been made complete fools of this day. At about 3 o'clock this afternoon the cry of there she blows was heard from the look out at Mast Head off the lee beam four miles distant. The ship was immediately headed for them but the breeze being very light we thought it best to try them with the boats. According we lowered away four boats and after pulling about three miles found them to be a shoal of Bypoises instead of Spm Whales. We felt a little foolish over it however the best of us are liable to make mistakes at times. So ends this day.



Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>

Fine weather and light breezes from the South East still continue. While running off to the North West this morning the cry of sail Ho! was heard from the mast head directly ahead on coming together found her to be the Martha. Capt Hammond lowered his boat and came on board, and gave our mate ~~and~~ an invitation to go on board and see Mr Richy which was accepted of. Nothing worthy of note occurred until 4 PM when we was cheered by the cry of there she blows! four points off the Starboard bow, the ship was immediately brought to the wind which brought the Whales three points off our lee and about two miles distant. We lowered away our boats and gave chase the Martha's boats were soon amongst us. The Whales were going quick to windward after a pull of three hours returned on board, better luck next time.

Lat ~~1° 41' South~~ Long, 121° 57' West  
Lat 00° 37' North



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Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

Fine clear weather with breezes from the South East. This morning saw a sail to leeward and supposed her to be the Bark Martha, Saw nothing during the latter part of the day worthy of note. Our Latitude this day at 12 M was  $1^{\circ} 41'$  South And Our Longitude at 4 P M was  $126^{\circ} 26'$  West

Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>

Fine weather with the wind from the South East as usual. Nothing occurred this day until 4 P M when we raised a sail to leeward, of us standing to the S East As we was running to the N West we drew together quick and at 6 P M she backed her main Top Sail we run down to her <sup>and</sup> spoke. She proved to be the Ship Harrison of New Bedford nineteen months out with eight hundred Barrells of Sperm Oil. Capt Smith reports of having spoke a few days previous the Bark Pantheon of New Bedford about twenty months out with 600 Bbls of Sperm. The Pantheon had a few day before spoke the United States Sloop of War Dale Capt Grant Bound to the North West Coast of America. We was this day at 12 M 41 miles North of the Equinoctial Line And at 4 P M  $127^{\circ}$  degrees and 25 miles West from Greenwich



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Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with light breezes from the S East Unless we fall in with whales in a few days, we shall leave the ground for the Sandwich Islands. We must give up this seasons cruise for a bad job, but we feel in hopes that there is a thousand Barrells for us on Japan. Our Capt offers to bet \$200 that we shall obtain that quantity, which I hope we may. He thought when we left the Islands ~~the~~ last fall that we should take six hundred but he has got very much mistaken. We have seen nothing during the day worthy of note.

Lat  $11^{\circ}41'$  South Long  $131^{\circ}29'$  West

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Clear weather with strong breezes from the N East we have seen nothing for the last ten days worthy of note. Our Latitude this day at 12m was  $9^{\circ}24'$  North Longitude at 4 PM  $139^{\circ}49'$  West. And the East point of Owyhee bearing N West by W 1096 miles. It is the first land we shall make and as we are bound to Harakakoa Bay, which lays on the South West side of the Island. We shall have chance to view the South side of the Island. We had last spring a chance to view the northern part. As we are bound to this bay ~~at~~ from thence to Hovee we shall have a look at all sides of it. We have had more or less rain since the last note.



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Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>

Clear weather with strong breezes from the North East. Nothing worthy of note has occurred since the last note until this day. At about 9 AM the cry of land Ho! was heard from the mast head, four points off our weather bow the yards was braced up and we stood in towards it until we satisfied ourselves that it was the East point of Owyhee. The yards was then squared and the ship headed along down the coast. At sundown was opposite the South Point and so close in shore that we could hear the natives hoot and see them wave us which we did not then understand, but we very soon found out ~~that~~ a large rock showed it itself just under the surface of the water. We immediately hauled our wind stood off about an hour, squared in and kept off our course and shall if the breeze continues be opposite of our destined port in the morning.

Saturday, 25

The breeze died out during the night and we found ourselves about 12 miles to the South of the Bay. This morning I have during the day but becalmed seen plenty of the natives in their canoes along the shore but none of them seem to pay us a visit.



# Journal

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup>

The latter part of the night we had a light breeze from the land, which enabled us work up opposite the bay. At daylight it died out a calm again. At about 9 o'clock AM the pilot boarded us and in a few minutes afterward we took the sea breeze and headed in for the bay and at 11 AM let our anchor go in eighteen fathoms of water. Hurl'd our sails cleared up the decks and got dinner. It being Sunday we had nothing to do about the Ship. Those that felt disposed took a whatch below. But at about half past two PM we were started up by the natives on their return home from church. The meeting house is on the South side of the bay, as it is the largest settlement and the Missionaries live on this side. There is a settlement on the North point and the <sup>natives</sup> cross over in their canoes to meeting, which is the easiest way they can go. If they were to go a foot they would have a high rugged mountain to climb and about five miles to travel but as they cross in their canoes they have only about a mile to paddle.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> This has been a busy day with us. At daylight this morning we were surrounded with canoes loaded with potatoes yams &c for sale. They have been coming and going during the day and the decks full of them making so much noise that you could hardly hear your own ears.



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Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon finished trade with the natives and got on board four boat loads of wood stowed it away. After dinner all hands had liberty to go on shore which we all liked very much and were soon ready for we have no false bosoms and collars to place just so here no Boots to Black close to brush &c Shirt and duck trousers is jacks dress in these parts of the world. I took a ramble myself on the South side had a view of the meeting house which is rather a rough piece of work but answers every purpose as a house of worship for the natives —

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> After breakfast this morning all hands had liberty to go on shore again. I have been <sup>on</sup> the Northern side of the <sup>bay</sup> this day. Myself and some of my ship mates have paid our friend Barrett a visit. He lives about three miles from the bay on the mountain. It is a hard walk but very pleasant after you get to his house. Mr Barrett is a mechanic has resided on the Islands for ten years. After dinner we started on return back and visited the grave of Capt James Cook who discovered these Islands in 1778 and was killed by the natives. His bones were saved by his ship mates and interred here and a monument erected to his memory. We also visited the rock on which he was killed & obtained some pieces of the rock.



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Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

All hands except one boats crew on shore this day, It fell to my lot to be one of the company on shore. I took about the ramble as yesterday came on board at sun down and found that those on board had been busy making preparations for getting under way to night as soon as the land breeze strikes of which will be between nine and twelve o'clock. We are bound to Mouree.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

Last night at about 11 o'clock all hands was called, Man the windlass, we soon had the ship under way & with a fine breeze from the land. First part of the day calm and rainy at about 11 AM it cleared up and it breezed up from the Southward, the mast heads were manned but we saw nothing during the latter part of the day worthy of note.

Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Let go our anchor last night at 11 o'clock in 20 fathoms of water have been busy during the day getting our water on board washing ship &c &c. We find a plenty of ships here some of them late from Hong Kong. Most all of our boys get letters from their friends but as for myself I receive none. I have sent enough to have one whether ~~my~~ my friends received them is more than I know.



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Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>

Having finished our work here taking on board some recruits that was not obtained at Owyhee and each watch having four days on ~~shore~~ shore we took our anchor and shaped our course for Woahoo We shall probably anchor

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Last night about 9 o'clock stood in to the anchoring ground of Woahoo reef but by some reason or rather did not let go our anchor, laid ~~of~~ and on during the night This morning stood in and about eight AM let go our anchor in eight fathoms of water, The ship Milton and the Ann Alex<sup>and</sup> of N Bedford have been laying off and on during the day. The Bark Vye of New Bedford and the Sophia of Bremen to anchor After dinner our Capt lowered his boat and went on shore the boat returned about 4 PM left the Capt on shore

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

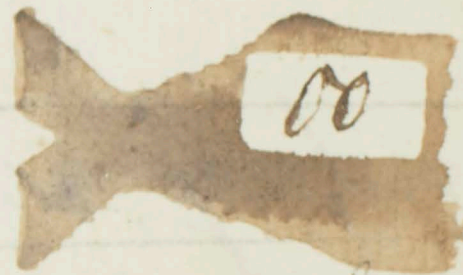
At eleven o'clock this forenoon commenced up slack chain and in a few minutes we were under way with a strong breeze a boat was immediately sent for the Capt who was on shore and at about 4 PM he came on board And shaped our course for Onehow Why I and about 24 hours sail



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Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

This morning stood in to Shekoo and sent two boats on shore which brought off 20 Bbls. yams. We got up here last night about sun down and lay off and on during the night. About 9 AM the Capt finished business came on board and the yards was squared in and course shaped for Pappan for a six or seven months cruise which I hope may be as fortunate as our last one there if it does we shall be very well off for the time out, however we must take it as it comes good or bad we cannot make the Whales but can kill them after getting fast.



Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Clear weather with strong breezes from the East. Nothing worthy of note has occurred since leaving the land until this day, when at 2 PM we raised a shoal of Whales four points off our larboard bow. The ship was brought by the wind but the whales passed about three miles ahead of the ship going quick to windward. We stood along by the wind half an hour and found it was useless to try for them any longer as they were most out of sight to windward. Squared the yards continued on our course.

Lat 20° 15' North Long 168° 10' West



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Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> m

Fine clear weather with strong from the Eastward. Nothing worthy of note has occurred since the last note except crossing the Meridian. We feel in hopes of falling in with whales soon. Our Latitude at 12m this day was  $20^{\circ} 21'$  North Long at 4 PM  $177^{\circ} 49'$  East

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Fine weather and light breezes from the Eastward have seen nothing the last four days worthy of note. Lat  $28^{\circ} 13'$  North Long  $173^{\circ} 23'$  East

Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> m

Fine clear weather with strong breezes from the Eastward saw nothing this day until about 1 PM when <sup>we heard</sup> the cry of sail Ho! where away! two points of our larboard bow. As we was running before the wind we soon drew together. She backed her main top sail we run down and spoke her. She proved to be ship Martha Capt Davenport of New Port No 18 eighteen months out with eight hundred ~~five~~ Bbls Spm. At about half past three we again heard the cry of sail Ho off our weather beam steering directly for us. At about 4 PM the man at mast head sung out for a breach off the lee beam. The ship was headed for him but we never saw anything more of him and luffed by the wind again at sundown shortened sail and at 7 o'clock spoke the Samuel Robertson Capt Warner of N Bedford 19 months out 700 Spm she left the Islands a few days before us.



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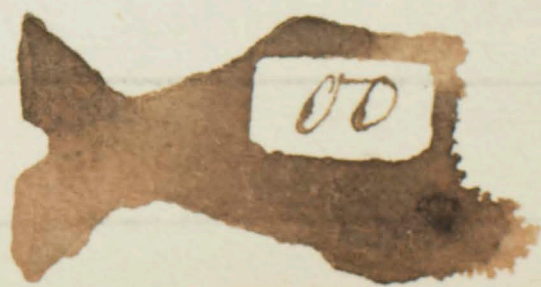
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with light breezes from the North East. Nothing worthy of note has occurred during the last five days until this day at about 9 AM spoke the Ship S Robertson our captain went on board spent the day. We saw another Ship to the S East & as supposed her to be the Martha

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Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the Land East have seen nothing but Porpoises & Grampuses since the last note, and nothing worthy of remark has occurred until 4 PM we again spoke the S Robertson

Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the Southward At half past 11 AM this day we were cheered by the cry of there she blows! and what was still more cheering it was a large Sperm Whale and about three miles off our lee beam, The boats were immediately put in readiness, At 12 M the cry of there goes flukes! was sounded, we went to dinner which did not occupy but a few minutes came up and waited for the Whale to make his reappearance on the surface which he did at a quarter past 1 PM and about four miles distant directly ahead we lowered and gave chase after pulling four hours shaped our course for the Ship. We never saw him after lowering he was going quick to the South West





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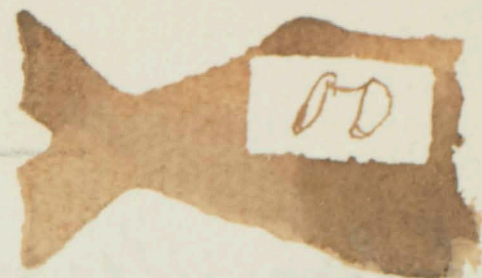
Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>

Clear weather with strong breezes from the Westward. We ~~nothing~~ have seen nothing worthy of ~~note~~ note (except one ship) since the last note, until this day. There has been six ships in sight of us this day and none of them appear to be doing any thing in the Whaling line. However there is a plenty of time yet this season to take a thousand barrels. Last season it was the 17<sup>th</sup> of June when we captured our first Whale here. I am in hopes to speak some of these ships for they look as though they might have letters for us. I want one God knows for we are on our 27<sup>th</sup> month and I have not herd a word from home yet. Lat 29° 45' N Long, 167° 48' East

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Gentle breezes from the South and East with fine clear weather. This morning about 6 o'clock the cry of there she blows! was herd from the man at mast head. Where away! cries the Capt 2 points off the weather bow and about four miles distant. The ship was kept by the wind, and we soon drew up with them, and found them to be a shoal of Sperm Whales headed to the leeward. Our boats were soon in readines and after we got within a mile of them we lowered our boats and the chase began. After chasing about an hour one of our succeeded in getting fast



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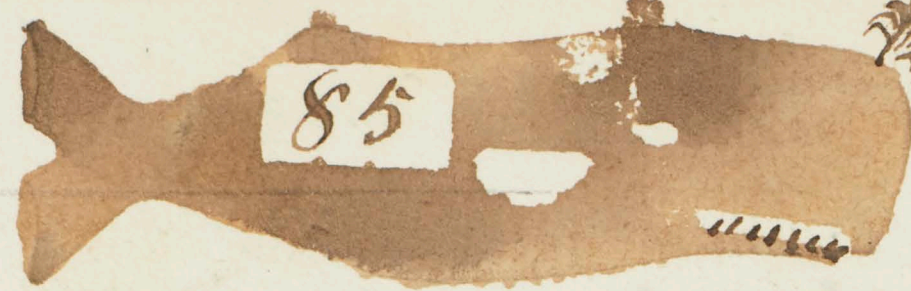
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The whale sounded out about twenty fathoms of line and the irons came out and he made his escape. We continued chasing until it was of no use to chase any longer, we then shaped our course for the Ship when we got on board it ~~was~~ was 2 PM and all hands well beat out. The Whales still in sight from the Ship but in about an hour they disappeared from us. There was a Ship to leeward of us maneuvering as though she had whales around, we kept off for her and when within a mile of her saw her ~~take~~ take a whale along side, and saw the whales she had been in pursuit of about 3 miles to leeward of her, it being now about sun down thought useless to run for them so we luffed by the wind shortened sail for the night so ends this day I hope the next whales we see we shall be more fortunate

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Fine clear weather with gentle breezes, This forenoon at about 11 o'clock, the cry of there she blows! again cheered us, and the intelligence that it was a shoal of Sperm Whales. The usual preparations were soon made for on such occasions, we stood along by the wind till we were within a mile of them, and found that they were going to windward but not very fast. The boats was then sent in pursuit and after pulling about an hour one of the boats succeeded in going along side of one and



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Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> Continued

Setting his irons in the whale not liking the feeling of them as we supposed took the trouble, (which was not much for him) to turn the boat bottom up. The line snarled up and parted and he set sail to leeward, one boat stopped to help the crippled one, we soon had her to rights again and chasing, but before we came up with the other boats one of the had been fast to him again and gave him a lance that made him spout thin blood, but <sup>before</sup> they could get another lance at him the line parted and he sailed off to leeward again. We after him again and were soon to his heels ~~and~~ He had lost so much blood that he got to going slower and slower and another boat struck and killed him so we have him after a long hard pull. We took him along side secured him spliced the main brace got our dinner (rather a late one it being 5 PM) and commenced cutting, knocked off at sundown got our supper set the whale for the night.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Called all hands at daylight and finished cutting at 10 AM and commenced boiling. He is a large whale will make us from 80 to 90 Bbls. Nothing in sight except a ship which we suppose to be the Martha of New Port. She took a whale yesterday and boiling him to day.



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Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup>

Fine weather and light breezes still — continue finished boiling early this morning, washed ship, took account of the oil and found that he had yielded us ninety Barrells, noble fellow we are looking hard for his ~~partners~~ pardners Yesterday we passed within a quarter of a mile of the Martha She was boiling and had a large whale along side which she must have captured yesterday, have seen nothing that was the object of our desire during this day.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Yesterday we commenced breaking out for the purpose of stowing down our oil, and made a finish of it to day. It is Sunday but never mind a little work on Sunday is nothing new for us nothing seen since the last worthy of note

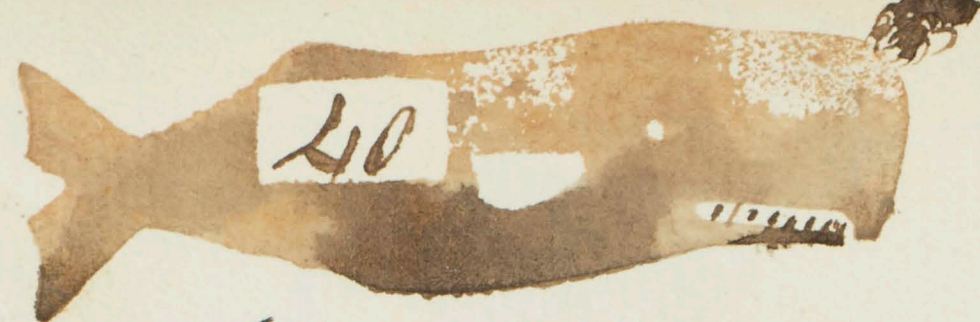
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~~Monday~~ July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Forever

The first part of the day strong breezes the latter part more moderate. At about half past 3 PM the cry of there she blows! was heard from the man at mast head. Two points off our weather bow and about 2 1/2 miles distant going quick to windward. We immediately sent two boats in pursuit, keeping the other two on board for the ship's chance as by this time



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Tuesday, July, 4<sup>th</sup> Continued

Independence Forever

We had whales on both bows, about half an hour after the first boats lowered the other two was sent in pursuit of another pod of Whales that came up directly ahead about a mile off, The whales soon drew themselves into one body and made to windward And we after them, and a few minutes before sundown (being eight miles to windward of the Ship) succeeded in getting fast to one and he soon yielded to the power of man One boat came on board the other three took the whale in tow and got along side with him at 11 PM secured him Splice the main brace got our supper set the whale for the night

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> Called all hands at daylight got breakfast commenced cutting, he being a small whale one that will make about 45 Bbls we finished cutting at 9 AM and commenced boiling which occupied until Thursday night about 7 o'clock We have seen nothing since the 4<sup>th</sup> worthy of note

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

Fine and light Breezes This morning commenced breaking out for the purpose of stowing down our oil which we completed and washed ship by 3 PM and are all ready for another one

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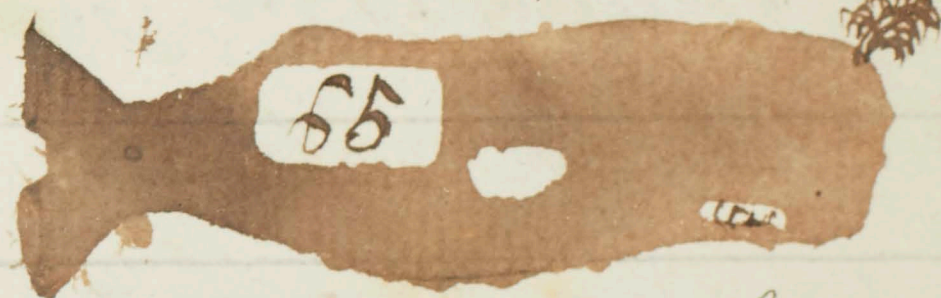


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Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather and gentle breezes from the Eastward. This morning we raised a whale spouting off our weather bow about three miles distant by his spouting so regular we took him to be a Sperm Whale and there being two ships in sight of him we thought it best to be after him. We soon had two boats in the water and on coming up with him we found him to be a Fin Back we had nothing to do but return on board sadly disappointed. Breeze forward the Main yard stood along by the wind saw nothing during the latter part worthy of note.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nothing worthy of note has occurred since Sunday until this day at 4 P.M. we spoke the Ship Dawn Capt Staunton 39 months out with 850 Bbls Sperm Oil. The Dawn has taken 110 Barrels this season and is bound home after this season is up.



Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> This morning at sun rise tacked ship headed to the E. East. immediately after tacking the cheering cry of there she blows! was sounded which proved to be a shoal of Sperm Whales four miles distant all sail was made on the ship there being another ship three miles to windward of us and as close to the whales as our selves however our chance was as good as hers.



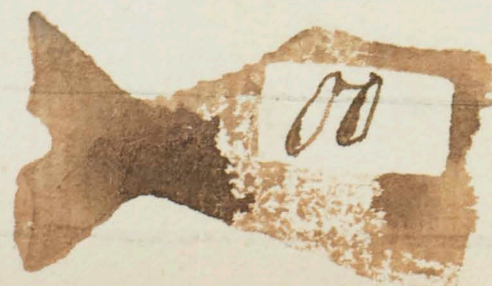
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We stood along till within a mile of the whales and the other ship lowered two boats in about fifteen minutes we lowered two of ours in pursuit of the same Whales keeping two Boats on board for the Ships chance Our other two boats lowered in about half an hour after the first two But the ones that lowered first succeeded in getting fast and killing him took him along side at half past 11 AM got dinners and commenced cutting Finished at 5 PM Proceed forward the yards and and Toelock spoke the Walter Scott Capt Barker of Nantucket 36 months out 1000 Bbls of Sperm Oil Capt B took a whale three days ago which they finished boiling to night he made them 90 Barrels and has been in pursuit of a whale this afternoon but met with no success

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Fine clear weather during the day at 2 PM ~~th~~ we raised a shoal of Sperm Whales stood along until we came up with them, then lowered two boats and the Walter Scott (Who was still in company with us) lowered three, But the Ships was run among the whales which frightened them and neither of us met with success come on board at dark and found the whale boiled cleared up decks got our suppers set the watch for the night Thus ends to day.





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Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Nothing worthy of note has occurred since the last note (except stowing down the oil taken last stowed 65 Barrells ~~at~~ we have had strong breezes part of the time) until this day at 2 PM Spoke the Ship Adeline Gibbs Capt Barber of Fair Haven twenty three months out with one thousand Barrells of Sperm Oil Saw one ship to windward of us  
Lat  $30^{\circ}30'$  North Long  $167^{\circ}15'$  East

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Fine weather and gentle breezes during the day we have one ship to windward one leeward doing nothing as well as ourselves, The prospect for getting a thousand Bbls this season looks dark. However we must get all we can and make a finish of it on the 1<sup>st</sup> West where the fish make two hundred bbls a piece  
Lat  $30^{\circ}40'$  North Long  $169^{\circ}00'$  East

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> First part of the day strong breezes from the Westward latter part more moderate At 4 PM backed our main topsail and Spoke the Ship Harrison Capt Smith 23 months out 1100 Sperm, and at half past 4 Spoke the Ship Levi Starbuck Capt Cope of Nantucket 26 months out with 700 Sperm Oil  
Our Latitude this day at 12 M was  $31^{\circ}10'$  North  
Longitude at 3 PM by Lunar Observation  $168^{\circ}38'$  East



# Journal

## Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup>

First part of the day fresh breezes from the Southward. Between three and 4 P.M. we experienced a heavy squall and a change of wind. At about half past 4 P.M. saw a ship to leeward of us displaying her colors. We run off for her and about 6 P.M. spoke the Ship *Elizabeth* Capt. Hedge of Salem 31 months with 1300 Sperm Oil. She has taken 350 Barrels this season and saw whales last Monday, we have not seen any since the 17<sup>th</sup> of July last.

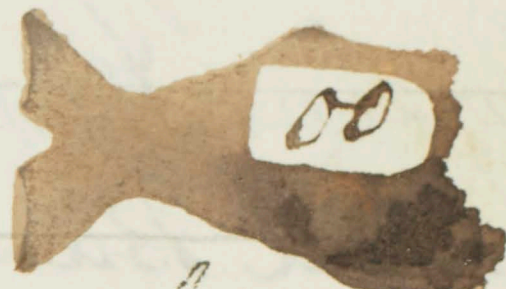
Lat 30° 30' North Long 169° 00' East

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Since the last note we have strong breezes from the Westward, have passed a number Ships, but did not speak any of them ~~at~~ until this day it being more moderate and having left our old cruising ground and <sup>have been</sup> running to the Eastward this last three day in hopes of falling in with whales. At 4 P.M. backed our Main Top sail at 5 o'clock. Spoke the Ship *Hero* Capt. Heath of Nantucket 23 months out with 400 Barrels of Sperm Oil. The *Hero* has been very unfortunate this season as well as ourselves she has captured one whale only this season which made them 90 Barrels. Capt. H. reports of having spoke the Ship *Montana* of Nantucket a few day previous with 350 Barrels this season. Lat 30° 50' N Long 171° 18' East



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Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> This day at 12 M we was in the Lat of 30 45 North Longitude at 4 P M 171° 53' East saw— nothing during except two Ships, no signs of whales since the last seen we must make up our mind for a wright whale season



Wensday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Fine weather and light breezes from the Eastward At about 4 P M the Cheering cry of there she blows! ~~off the~~ was herd from the man at mashead, off our weather beam two miles distant We stood along by the wind untill the whales was four points of our quarter We tacked Ship and lowered our boats and gave chase After chasing about three quarters of an hour, the starboard boat went along side of one got one iron into him as soon as the iron struck the whale, he struck with his flukes, stove the after part of the boat capsized her, the iron came out of the whale and the whole School turned to windward in ten minutes they were 4 miles to weather of us. It being about sun down gave up the chase, and went to the assistance of the Stoven boat, found all right except Seth Goby who had been stuned by the blow that struck the boat and would have been drowned if the boat header had not been an expert swimmer, he is some bruised probably the peaces of the boat done it. It is allowed if a whale strikes a man hard enough to break skin to be sure death 3 Ships in sight doing nothing Whaling



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Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup>

Clear weather and light breezes from the Eastward. Nothing worthy of note has occurred during the last four days until this afternoon at about 5 o'clock spoke the Ship Alexander Coffin Capt Wyre thirty six months out with nineteen hundred Barrells Sperm Oil she has been very unfortun<sup>ate</sup> this season as well as ourselves having taken 180 Bbls only, Last season she obtained 900 Barrells, Capt W reports of having a few days previous spoke the Ship Susan of N Bedford and the Waverly ten months out with letters for us I dont expect there is any for me Capt W reports of having spoken a number of ships all in a fair way to make a poor seasons work of it, Three other ships in sight of us during the day.

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup>

At daylight this morning discovered a sail off our weather quarter, and a few minutes after light she wore ship and stood away from us At about eight AM squared our yards ~~run~~ and run off as soon as we kept off this sail wore ship made all sail and run after us. At 4 PM We saw her show colors we luffed by the wind and stood for her, at three o'clock we backed our Main Top sail and spoke the Bark Pantheon Capt Taber 27 months out, seven hundred Barrells Sperm Oil, Our Capt went on board as Capt I had letters for him.



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Thursday, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Nothing worthy of note occurred during the day ~~except~~ until 4 PM when we spoke the Ship Susan Capt Howland 27 months out with 700 Barrels, Sperm Oil, The Panther and another ship in sight of us

Lat  $30^{\circ} 15'$  Long  $170^{\circ} 10'$  East

Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Clear weather and strong breezes — during the day, We have seen in different directions this day five ships. There appears to be a plenty of ships on the ground but no signs of whales our thousand Bbls this season will be small as the season is most gone we are bound to the Eastward as soon as there is a chance

Lat  $29^{\circ} 48'$  North Long  $172^{\circ} 42'$  East

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Was in the Latitude of  $30^{\circ} 00'$  North and the Longitude at 4 PM of  $172^{\circ} 46'$  East from Greenwich, At 5 PM spoke the Bark Panther, Capt Faber came on board and spent the evening, two other ships in sight saw nothing more worthy of note during the day

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> For the last two days we have had strong breezes from the Westward and plenty of rain, One Bark in sight and this afternoon at 6 o'clock a ship hove in sight more moderate this evening. No Observations



Monday 11<sup>th</sup>.

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Fine weather and gentle breezes from the Eastward, during this day. This morning at about 6 o'clock the Bark *Pantheon* <sup>who</sup> was off our lee quarter about eight miles distant. Her ship lowered her boats and set her colors at Main Top Gallant head which is a sure signal of there being whales in sight. We immediately wore ship and run for him. The breeze was so light that our chance at the whales that was in sight of him was small, however we kept running for in hopes of coming up with his whale or raising more. At about eight AM we saw white water close to one of her boats and supposed them to be fast but was not positive as we were not nigh enough to see whales if there was any. We kept steering for her until about 10 AM, when the cry of there Breaches! was heard from the lookout at mast head, off our lee beam about three miles distant, the ship was immediately for it, but before the ship was headed for it there she blows! was cried a number of times and soon the pleasing intelligence came that there was a shoal of Sperm Whales off our lee. The necessary preparations were soon made for the battle. We run of about a mile and luffed by the wind and when the whales made their reappearance the nearest one to us was about one mile distant. The boats were immediately in pursuit of him but did not succeed.



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Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

In getting fast this rising he went down was gone about an hour when he made his appearance, rather to handy to one of our boats to live to a good old age. The boat went along side of him and the B Steer put two irons into his back. However in a few minutes he showed us his flukes, and took our line before any of the other boats could get to us, they being some ways off at the time of our striking. The other boats soon came up and some pulled in one direction some in another. In about half an hour he showed himself and one of the boats went up and struck him gave him his death wound in short notice. At about 2 PM got him along side, got our dinners, and commenced cutting. Succeeded in getting his head off and getting his body inboard at 9 PM got our suppers set the whatches for the night.

Lat 31° 18' North Long 174° 45' East

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Called all hands at daylight and began on the head which occupied until 8 AM. We then commenced boiling, made sail stood along and spoke the Pantheon, she cutting a whale, she went out of sight of us yesterday after we took our whale but was in sight of us again this morning. We were glad to see her with a whale, if it had not been for her we should not have seen the whales as we was a long way to windward of them and going from them fast. Two ships came in sight at 9 AM saw nothing more.



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Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. September

Fine weather and light breezes from the Southward We finished boiling last evening at 11 o'clock, This morning ~~washed~~ ship took account of the oil and found that we were 90 Barrells better off then before The Bark still keeps company with us nothing more in sight during the day

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Fine weather and very light breezes during the day, All hands was mustered up at daylight and we commenced breaking out for the purpose of stowing down our oil which was completed and the Ship washed at 4 PM, Saw nothing this day except our company keeper the Bark

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Our Latitude this day at 12 M was —  $30^{\circ} 00'$  North Our Long at 4 PM was  $179^{\circ} 00'$  East seen nothing during the day worthy of note, and have not for the last fortnight seen any thing but regged rainy weather We have worked some to the East and shall keep doing so now as the season is about done and instead of taking a thousand Barrells we have taken only 275 a heavy seasons work However we must make the best of it, We know our destination now, a 4 years voyage and a right whale season to top off on I hope we may have good luck



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Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Clear weather and strong breezes from the westward this day have seen nothing worthy of note during the day.  
Lat  $30^{\circ}30'$  North Long  $179^{\circ}50'$  East bound East

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Clear weather with fresh breezes from the East  
Saw nothing worthy of remark Our Latitude at 12 M was  $30^{\circ}14'$  North Our Long at 4 P M  $175^{\circ}35'$  West

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Clear weather and fresh breezes from the Eastward still continue Nothing worthy of note occurred this day until about 1 P M when the cry of sail Ho! was heard from the man at mast head, and directly ahead, We kept by the wind until was 4 points off our bow, when she kept away for us, We backed our main Top sail at 3 P M spoke she proved to be the Ship Peruvian Capt Brooks of St Johns N Brunswick Owing to strength of the wind we did not board her

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Calm during the day, one Ship in sight of us We have seen nothing in the shape of Sperm Whales since the last taken, Heard seems to be our fate, but fortune favours ~~the~~ the brave and I suppose our share of it will come by and bye we have been looking some time for it to come  
Lat  $30^{\circ}29'$  North Long  $176^{\circ}45'$  West



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Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

Light breezes and overcast during the day. At 8 AM backed our main top-sail and at 9 AM again spoke the Ship Peruvian of St John, Brooks Master. Capt Brooks from an invitation given by our Capt came on board and spent the day. He is 24 months out with three hundred barrells Sperm Oil and nine hundred fifty Whale Oil, he is from the North West, has met with very poor success. The third whale they ~~attacked~~ attacked, his second mate was taken out of the boat by the line and lost, one man his leg and arm broken, which in all probability struck a dead on them and they could not ~~attack~~ attack a whale — with as good a will as before any accident happened to them.

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup>

At about half past 6 AM the cry of there she blows! was heard from the lookout at mast head two points our weather ~~bow~~ bow about two miles distant the ship headed for them came up within a mile of them and found them to be a shoal of small Sperm Whales. The main yard was then hove aback, boats was lowered and we gave chase, They were going quick to windward and after chasing about two hours shape our course for the ship. The ~~Peruvian~~ Peruvian was to windward but took no notice of our maneuvers.



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Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Continued

As soon as we got on board and boats hoisted up squared the yards and shaped our courses for the Sandwich Islands, it having breezed up from the South West and before night we had a strong Breeze Steering Ect E by compass

Lat  $30^{\circ}35'$  North Long  $174^{\circ}25'$  West

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from the S West continued until this day, when it hauled to the North West and blows a strong breeze, One Ship in sight nothing more seaworthy of note during the day

Lat  $30^{\circ}58'$  North Long  $166^{\circ}24'$  West

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> The wind hauled to the North this day which brings us nearly on a bowline Saw nothing during the day except the ship that was in sight yesterday he still continues to keep company with us

Lat  $30^{\circ}23'$  North Long  $163.54'$  West

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> The breeze from the North began to moderate last evening and at daylight this morning it was calm and continued so until 6 PM when we took a breeze from the South East, This afternoon bent a Fore Top Sail Saw nothing of any consequence during the day

Lat  $29^{\circ}18'$  North Long  $161^{\circ}30'$  West



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Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Fine clear weather with light breezes from the South. Saw nothing of any consequence during the day. Lat  $29^{\circ} 04'$  North Long  $156^{\circ} 15'$  West

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> The wind last night hauled to the S West and we have had a strong breeze during the day. Two ships in sight nothing more of any consequence  
Lat  $27^{\circ} 40'$  North Long  $155^{\circ} 27'$  West

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nothing of consequence has occurred for the last four days and nothing seen that is the object of our desire Leehina our port of destination at 4 P M bore South by West  $114^{\circ} W$  231 miles distant  
Lat  $24^{\circ} 38'$  North Long  $154^{\circ} 45'$  West

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the Eastward At about 9 AM a bark that was to leeward of us backed her Main Topsail as a signal to speak we run down and spoke her. She proved to be the Bark Rousel of N Bedford Capt Stall 30 months out with 900 Sperm Oil One week from Nowee bound on to the line She was on Taper this season and captured a 40 Bbl Whale  
Lat  $23^{\circ} 22'$  North Long  $155^{\circ} 20'$  West



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Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Yesterday at about 9 AM raised the land we run for it with a strong breeze from the East and at sundown was 12 miles from it, got into the passage at 11 PM and at 12 midnight was within 2 miles of the shipping when the breeze left us, We was becalmed until about 8 o'clock this morning when we took a breeze and at 9 AM let go our anchor in eighteen fathoms of water Plenty of ships (all whalers) in port, The United States Sloop of war — Cyane got under immediately after we anchored, for Cuba After coming to an anchor our Capt went on shore, those on board employed rafting water casks we had two rafts on shore at sundown Our Capt returned on board at ~~ten~~ sundown with quite a lot of letters and amongst them I found three for myself the first for this voyage I immediately answered them and will go by the ship Mayflower of N Bedford.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> All hands ashore on liberty this day except one boats crew, since ~~the~~ Friday morning we have washed ship blacked bents and rafted of 220 Barrells of water



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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Our business being finished here, the Capt came on board at 2 PM gave orders to heave short. We soon had the anchor up and all our canvas spread to fine gentle breeze from the South West bound up to Chyhee to finish recruiting ship.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Clear weather and strong breezes from the N East, no lookout kept during the day.  
Lat 19° 47' N Long Not Observed

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> At 7 PM let go our anchor in — Karakakoa bay after a passage of eight days, six out of the eight very light breezes and adverse current

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> As our business was finished here this morning at break of day all was aroused by All hands Ahoy! Man the windlass. We soon had the noble craft under way again and headed to sea again, with hearts a great deal lighter than ~~we~~ when left our native land, America. We are always glad when the time comes to leave port. Last night the ship Oregon ~~came in~~ Capt Shearman of Fair haven came to anchor she is 28 months out with 1100 Sperm



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Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with light breezes from the Southward. Nothing of consequence has occurred since leaving port until this day, when being about 15 miles to the South of Kaurakoa Bay, At 4 PM Spoke the Ship Harrison Capt Smith 28 months out 1100 sperm. Our cruising ground for three or four months to come will be here in sight of the Bay a scope of about 20 miles. The Harrison is going to spend the season here and another ship in sight to the north that appears to be a cruiser here.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

This morning commenced breaking out the lower hole forward, for the purpose of taking out two large casts of sock heads and hoops, and all the rias, burrells, to be repaired and putting things to rights as we are bound to the S West where whales are large and plenty. Two ships in sight during the day.

Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Fine weather with light breezes from every point of the compass. This morning Spoke the Ship Audley Clark of New Port N.S. Capt Griswold thirty six months out with 1200 sperm, bound down on the line for a short cruise and then shape her course for home.



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## Monday December 11<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather and gentle breezes, Again Spoke the Harrison, Capt Smith, since speaking the ~~He~~ last Capt Smith has spoke the Ship Ann Mary Ann and the Tuscan both of Sag Harbour. The Mary Ann had 1200 bbls Whale the Tuscan 1900 <sup>Whales</sup> ~~Sperm~~, they are from the N West bound into Kaurakooa to Cooper and recruit Ship

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Usual good weather and light breezes still continue. At 4 Pm this day we spoke the Ship Nausau Capt Weeks of N Bedford 25 months out with 1100 Sperm. She is ten days from Wookoo and is to spend the season on this ground. We have seen nothing since leaving port worthy of note

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup>



Fine weather which is nothing more than a common thing here. At about eight o'clock and thirty minutes AM we raised a shoal of Sperm Whales in shore of us. we soon had our boats in the water, and the Nausau who was handy by ~~us~~ had hers ~~after~~ after us and the chase ~~it~~ began and a chase it was for we chased them till we were tired and then shaped our course for the Ship, arrived on board at 12 M just in time to take dinner which we had an appetite for. The Harrison who was eight miles from us lowered her boats but before they got in shore the Whales was off



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Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather during the week. last Tuesday our Capt went on board of the Kausau spent part of the afternoon and the ~~evening~~ evening. This day Capt Weeks spent the day on board of us. We have seen nothing like whales since Monday last, the prospect that is before us now is a poor one, Ships have been doing well here takeing 700 Bbl. in the winter months some 2- some 400 Barrells. we must get all we can and make the best of it.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes during the last week; We have had frequent visits from the natives and yesterday Capt Weeks was on board and spent the day. We have seen nothing that is the object of our desire.

Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> Fine weather during the past week. On Thursday last spoke the Ship Sophie Capt Hoyer of Bremen 21 months out with 1600 Barrells Whale Oil. The Sophie has been very unfortunate Her former capt and 4 hands died of disentary since the last winter whale season and since leaving Ulu this time lost one man overboard. She is one week from Ulu.



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Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Fine weather during the first part of the week or until yesterday morning at 2 AM When it commenced raining and rained hard until this day about 11 AM when it cleared and has every appearance of pleasant weather again



Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Strong breezes through the week from the Southward with some rain. Nothing occurred until yesterday when commenced breaking out the after hole, for the purpose of getting out some new pipe shooks which will contain our water next cruise, but at half past eight AM the cry of there she blows! was sounded, off our lee beam two miles distant we soon found them to be sperm Whales going quick to windward the Ship was brought to the wind and main yard aback. We then lowered our boats and gave chase, they were going so quick could not touch them, got on board at 12 M got our dinners and went to work again quit a sundown, and commenced again this morning, finished at 11 AM

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with light breezes from every point of the compass, Have spoke the Ships Harrison and Nassau and have had frequent visits from the natives



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Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather and light breezes during the past week Nothing worthy of note occurred until Thursday when Capt Weeks and our own Capt went ashore to see that their wood and things would be ready by the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month as we shall go in by that time and our chance for doing nothing the latter part of the season looks as fair as the first did



Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with light breezes from every point of the compass during the past week On Tuesday last Capt Hoyer came on board from the Ship Sophie and spent the afternoon On Wednesday last at about 10 AM raised a shoal of Sperm Whales four miles from us and about the same distance from the Ship Sophie She lowered her boats and we immediately lowered 2 of ours, The whales was going from us but not so fast but what we came up with them after a pull of about 8 miles The Sophie's boats had frightened them and gone on board we continued chasing until we was 15 miles from the ship and gave them up it being calm and the ship not coming towards any we made up our minds for a long drag of it However we took a drink of water and started



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Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup> Continued

But fortune favours the brave, a light-breeze sprung up from the North which was a great help to us and half past 4 PM we arrived on board. Our other two boats had been in pursuit of Whales but met with no better success than our selves, Being some ways South of the Bay and a strong adverse current and light breezes we have been until this morning getting up with it. Our Capt being rather down cast not meeting with any better success concluded to go in recruit-ships for the next season. At 9 AM <sup>up</sup> hauled for the Bay with a light sea breeze, Capt Weeks came on board stayed until we let go anchor which was at 3 PM. He then took the Pilot and went out to his ship will probably come to tomorrow. Thus ends this cruise with out taking a drop of oil. Saw whales three times. At half past 4 we saw the Kadtau make a signal and put her boats ahead we lowered ours went out to her to help her in and at sundown she let go her anchor about 4 ships length from us.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> This morning at daylight all hands was mustered out and soon heard the news to heave short, we soon all our canvass spread to a light breeze from the land and was leaving the heathen shores.



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Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Continued

Of Wythe and probably for the last time this voyage. Since laying here we have taken on board a sufficient quantity of wood for our C<sup>W</sup> cruise and a part of our recruits. one whatch four days on shore the other three. I spent three days ~~over~~ very agreeable running over the mountains and burnt rocks, there is thousands of acres of this Island that is covered with lava, there must have been a terrible eruption here by all appearance some time or other probably ~~before~~ long before they were discovered.

On Sunday I attended the native meeting before meeting in the morning the sundy school meet which seems to appear some like a civilized world. Mr Ives (the missionary) gave us an invitation to his house to meeting but none of us went for reasons that I shall not mention. Yesterday the ship Chelsea Capt Potts of New London came to anchor with us she is 5 1/2 months out with 60 Bbls sperm. We got some papers as late as September. I find no news in particular. The Chelsea experienced (three days out) a heavy gale which carried every thing but her Fore Mast and bowsprit and was obliged to put back. The Adasac got under way at the same as ourselves. We are bound to move here on board several passengers natives of the Islands, one horse &c &c.



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Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Since leaving Owyhee we have had fine weather with breezes from every point of the compass, nothing worthy of note occurred during the passage, At 5 P.M. let go anchor in 20 fathoms of water, and about an hour after the Nassau (our consort) anchored side of us. We find 7 Ships in port ourselves and 2 others in sight coming in will make eleven, all whalers, I am in hopes to find some news amongst some of them.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> For the last two days we had plenty of work to employ our minds, having taken on board three hundred barrells of water and stowed it away and finished this afternoon about 4 o'clock 80 crivals since ourselves. There is one Ship in sight tonight coming in I hope she not over four months from that land of Liberty, Peace and Plenty (America) with as many as six letters for myself one however would come very exceptable. Our friends at home can judge but little of the pleasures it gives one to receive ~~to~~ letters from his friends when so far away and long from home as we are 34 months out in 4 days more.



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Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> The last two days we have taken on board three hundred barrells of water and stowed it away. This morning the Harbord watch got ready and went ashore. Last night the Daniel Webster of Sag Harbour arrived.

Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> Nothing going on during the last ~~week~~ week but a watch on shore every day we take no recruits here are bound to Attawapscott for them. Two ships arrived last night.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Having finished business at Moose we this morning at daylight got under way and shaped our course for Woonahoo. At 12 M took the trade winds but about 3 PM they began to die out at 5 PM we was becalmed about half way between the two ports. While laying in port our Captain had quite an ill turn which kept us longer in port than we should have been if he had been well. He has got as well as usual he enjoys very poor health but he bears up like a lion.

One day in port I happened on board Ship Braganza of N B and fell in John H Cushing, we spent one day ashore together talking over old times, those times are past and gone never to return.



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Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> At about 9 o'clock last night we took a light breeze from the N E it lasted until 8 o'clock this morning at 9 AM a breeze sprung up from the Southward it being light and strong current against we were unable to make much headway At 4 PM being opposite Diamond head (a point of land about 8 miles from the port of Woahoo) Capt Weeks of the Nassau came on board took our Capt and started to go ashore they have got a long pull of it dont look for them of to night

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Light breezes from the Southward during the day, Laying off and on at Woahoo, at sun down the Capt came on board and shaped our course for Nchou The Nassau in company with us, The Ship Hercules Capt Rickitson in company

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the Eastward during the day, Ship Nassau and Hercules in company saw nothing worthy of note

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the East At 9 AM raised Attaoi and at 2 PM Nchou At half past 4 PM we run across the Ship Nassau Stern Our Capt gave Capt weeks an invitation on board to eat salt junk which was accepted



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Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> After breakfast this morning Capt Weeks came on board took our Capt and went ashore for the purpose of buying recruits and have taken of two boats loads. during the day have experienced two very <sup>heavy</sup> squalls About 5 PM our Capt came on board were Ship stood off from the land at sundown double reefed the Top Sails having a strong breeze from the South West, we shall get the rest of our recruits tomorrow if the weather permit.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> The last four days we have been laying off and on at Nchou have had strong breezes from the Northward until this day we had a light breeze Owing to a heavy breaker we could not land to finish getting our recruits Our Capt this day spent it on board the Nassau Yesterday Capt Weeks spent the day with our Capt.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the Eastward. We this day finished getting off our recruits At sundown the Capt came on board all sail was immediately made and our course shaped for our cruising ground N West coast is our destination



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Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Continued

We shall steer the same course as though we were bound to the coast of Japan until we get to the Meridian when we shall haul to the North and strike on to Melishes Banks which lay in the Lat of  $35^{\circ}$  North And the Longitude of  $178^{\circ}$  West, as Right whales are often plenty at this season of the year, This is our first ~~in~~ Whale cruise and I hope it may prove a fortunate one 12 months from this day we expect to be with our friends if fortune favours us fortune favours the brave and we expect our share

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Since leaving the Islands we <sup>have</sup> had breezes from every point of the compass, with rain in abundance. Yesterday and to day we had fine weather with light breezes from the South East. Yesterday set up the lower rigging. This day we have been employed in repassing the chafing gear Cooper to work repairing casks and in this way we ware away the time Our Capt is somewhat unwell and rather out of sorts When he gets better we are in hopes he will come to his old sorts again Lat  $20^{\circ} 18'$  North Long  $165^{\circ} 00'$  West

House Salts

Plenty



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Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the N East Nothing worthy of note occurred until about 11 A.M. when we spoke the Ship Nassau. Capt Weeks came on board and spent the day. Since leaving the Islands we have seen nothing worthy of note.

Lat  $19^{\circ}57'$  North Long not Observed

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the N East. This morning we got Studing Sail booms aloft and set Fore Topmast and Main Topgallant Studing Sails. After breakfast broke out for Shooks, and commenced setting them up. Saw nothing during the day, except the Ship Nassau. Latitude at 12 M  $19^{\circ}57'$  Longitude by Lunar Observation at 3 P.M.  $168^{\circ}51'$

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from the East during the day. The first part of the day frequent showers. Latter part clear pleasant weather. Saw nothing during the day except our consort the Nassau, worthy of note. Lat  $20^{\circ}00'$  North Long not observed. Why S

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from the Eastward still continue. The Nassau went out of sight this forenoon. Why S. Lat  $19^{\circ}57'$  North Long  $173^{\circ}12'$  West



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Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from the E N E during this day. This forenoon broke out more shooks and commenced setting them up. We will have plenty of casks whether we shall have oil or not is more than we know. (Trust luck) Our stock of Fresh Meat holds out as yet, being thirty five months out this day — the Capt had a little grunter killed which will last him about 2 days to fry. Sailors haul your fresh pork tooth out for this season No tears shed  
course W Lat 20° 12' North Long 175° 42' West

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Fine clear weather with breezes from the Eastward. The Cooper at work setting up shooks, seamen employed different ways about the ship. Saw nothing worthy of note during the day.  
course N W Lat 21° 06' North Long 177° 40' West

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Fine weather, the first part of this day the wind was East, At about 9 AM it hauled to the South took in the Studding Sails. The Cooper finished setting up shooks this afternoon. We have empty casks enough ready now to take five hundred barrels of oil without setting up any more. We are in hopes to be in a few days among those large Wright Whales.  
Lat 22° 50' North Long 178° 17' West



# Journal

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> During the latter part of the night  
the wind hauled to the W S W and still continues  
at that quarter With fine clear weather  
Lat 24° 10' North

Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> 1844

Fine clear weather  
during the day, First part of the day the wind was up  
and down latter part very light breezes from the W N W  
This part of the Ocean seems to forsaken we cannot even see  
a Fin Back or porpoises. A few day fair wind would carry  
us where ~~had~~ there was plenty of whales once and we hope  
there is now waiting for us

Lat 24° 56' North Long 178° 35' West

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Pleasant weather during the day  
with the wind up and down, However it looks as though  
there might be a breeze before morning Saw nothing as  
usual this day Lat & Long about the same as yesterday  
Off

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Fine pleasant weather with gentle  
breezes from the North & Eastward, About 9 AM we passed  
ashore of Black Fish but did not trouble them as we  
found among larger fish. Our stock of fresh meat holds  
out well, killed two of the largest grunts to day ~~There~~  
Fine prospects of a for a sea pie tomorrow  
Lat 25° 51' N Long 179° 04' West



# Journal

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Fine pleasant weather with light breezes from the North & Eastward It being the first — Thursday of this month (April) I must be fast day at home, but not with us, for we had fresh pork for dinner more than we expected Saw nothing during the day, save the blue above and below  
Lat  $26^{\circ}50'$  North Long  $179^{\circ}42'$  East

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Our pleasant weather and light breezes still continued as we work to the North it grows quite chilly, by the time we arrive at 50 degrees of North Latitude our thick close will feel very — comfortable Saw nothing during this day  
Lat  $28^{\circ}00'$  North

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Fine pleasant weather with light breezes from the North East we have very light breezes and of course make but little headway daily At day light this morning we discovered a sail to leeward of us, she kept in sight of us during the day Saw nothing more Lat.  $28^{\circ}52'$  North

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Fine clear weather with very light breezes from the Eastward The Ship that was in sight of us yesterday has been directly



# Journal

Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> Continued

ahead during the day. About 10 AM we saw her boats down in pursuit of something. Saw her set a signal for the boats to come on board. In the afternoon saw her boats in the water again. Whether they were in ~~pursuit~~ pursuit of whales or not we could not see however she met with no success — saw nothing ourselves that looked like a whale.

Lat  $29^{\circ}44'N$  Long  $177^{\circ}50' East$

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Fine clear weather. Calm until 1 PM when it sprung up a light breeze from the Northward. At 4 PM spoke the Ship Rowen of Ball River 5 1/2 months out with thirty Bbls Sperm 30 of Black Fish she took one yesterday.

Lat  $29^{\circ}59'N$  Long  $178^{\circ}01' East$

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> At about eight o'clock this morning a breeze sprung up from the Northward accompanied with rain. At 12 M double reefed Topails. Saw one ship nothing more.  
No Observation



# Journal

Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>

At daylight this morning the (Starboard Whatch on deck) Whales was discovered close by the Ship some called them one kind some another, however the riddle was soon solved, they were Wright Whale. Wore Ship, Called all hands lowered three boats the Whales at this time being about a quarter of a mile off. We were soon among them and met with no better success then frightening them, There was a signal made at the Ship for more Whales to leeward we pulled for them and succeeded in getting fast after being fast about ten minutes the line parted and the whale made his escape after pulling about an hour shaped our course for the Ship got on board about half past eight eat Breakfast, got the run of more Whales lowered three boats met with no success shaped our course for the Ship got on board at half past one took dinner, during the afternoon saw another pod of Whales going quick to westward, Cloudy with strong breezes from the Eastward, At sundown shortened sail and set Boats Whatches No Observations

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the Southward during this day. At daylight this morning sent the Fore Topsail down and commenced repairing it, which occupied until 10 AM and while bending it a Right Whale



## Journal

Friday 12 Continued

Broke water about one Ships length from us, The Main Yard was hove aback and the boats was soon in pursuit of him ~~at~~ after  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours pulling and meeting with no better success than frightening them, came on board eat dinner, About 1 PM raised another pod of Whales, lowered away for them and no better success this time than getting one boat stove got close enough to them to get stove & did not fasten. The whales took a shear to windward we chased about half an hour and gave them up and came on board. About 4 PM raised more and sent two boats in pursuit they met with our usual success none a tale. There appears to be plenty of whales on the ground but our luck getting them seems to be hard. Better luck tomorrow perhaps. Saw two Ships this day they both appeared to be among whales.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the Southward during the day. At sun rise this morning raised a gam of Wright Whale to leeward headed the Ship for them and about 9 AM came up with them. Lowered two boats met with no success came on board at 12 M. After dinner raised more run for them in company with two other Ships lowered two boats again and chased them until we got tired and came on board at 4 PM.



# Journal

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Continued

After we had taken up our boats Capt Smith came on board from the Ship Sharon of Fair Haven she is 35 months out with 900 of sperm The Sharon has had hard luck this voyage, The Capt was killed by natives belonging to King Mills Group while the Boats were of whaling one day. More of this by & by. Saw a Ship cutting a Whale. At sun down saw a French Ships boats fast to a whale and spouting thin blood.

Lat 33° 35' North Long 177° 59' East

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the South & Eastward. About 9 AM raised a Whale one point of the weather bow. Stood along by the wind, and the next time we saw him he was three points of the bow, the next and last time he was three points of the weather quarter two miles distant and a going to quick for us. Continued on our course and at half past 12m raised a pod of Whales off the lee beam 2 1/2 miles distant. The Ship was immediately headed for them we soon found they were a going quick to windward, hauled the Ship by the wind but could not fetch them by two miles. Let them go. Squared the yards and run to the N & saw in different directions this day three Ships



# Journal

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Yesterday & today we have had strong breezes from the Southward, have seen plenty of Fin Backs About 9 AM this day a ship backed her Main Topsail about a quarter of a mile distant, probably to speak Our Capt not feeling in the right mood kept along about our business. About half past 2 PM it came up foggy with some rain, the breeze died away gradually and about 5 PM the fog cleared of the wind hauled to the West blowing a light breeze Plenty of Fin Backs around Saw two Ships to windward one boiling the other trying as ourselves  
No Observations

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday & Thursday strong breezes from the Westward, Fore part of each day Foggy This day we had clear cold weather with strong breezes from the West, The Ship headed to the N. E. & E, To have got fast to a whale this morning and had him run to the windward at the rate of ten knots per hour would have made the best of us with ourselves in the chimney corner at home Monkey Buckets come in play this weather At 3 PM close reefed the Main Top sail, No Fore & Mizzen set  
Saw some Fin Backs We are in hopes when we fall in with the object of our desire, to have the weather more moderate

Lat 36° 30' N Long 177° 43' East



# Journal

## Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>

Yesterday commenced with light breezes from the South. In the morning made all sail and steered to the N.W. until about five P.M. when we experienced a heavy squall and the wind hauled suddenly to the N.W. Took in all sail to a close reefed Main, Top sail & Fore, Topmast Stay sail. This day we have had strong breezes from the Westward with frequent squalls of rain & hail and very cold. This is weather that makes us wish ourselves by the Fire side at home grin and bear it - 10 months more its then we expect to be there. God grant we may see nothing.

Lat 37° 48' North Long 178° 50' East

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> This day commenced with light breezes from the South West. At about 3 P.M. it had increased to a strong ~~breeze~~ breeze and commenced raining. Took in the Main Top Gallient Sail, Fore & Mizzen Top Sails, Double Reefed the Main, Top sail. At half past 5 close Reefed the Main Top Sail the breeze still increasing raining hard with a thick fog.

No Observations

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Clear cold weather with strong breezes from the South West, steering to the N.W. Have seen nothing during the day worthy of note.

Lat 39° 49' North Long 179° 11' 45" East



# Journal

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

Yesterday & today we have had very cold weather with frequent squalls of snow, Breezes from South West to N West. This day we had quite a spree snow balling, one another. At Sundown hove to under a close reefed Main Top sail & Fore Top mast Stay Sail. Blowing heavy from the N W and very cold. We have regular Cape Horn weather and very bad for our business have seen nothing but Pin Backs

Lat 41° 20' North Long 178° 49' 30" East

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Yesterday it blew a gale from the N West during last night it moderated down and hauled to the W S W. This morning made sail and run to the N West. Fore part of this day saw plenty of Pin Backs. A few minutes before sun down, raised a pod of Wright Whales close to the Ship took in all sail and hove to for the night in hopes to see them as ~~close~~ close by in the morning. 3 years from home this day and another year ahead to wear away. Lat 41° 51' N Long not Observed



Journal  
Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

The weather this day has bore an aspect more like a winters day on the American Coast than it has like the first of May. If the <sup>weather</sup> was as cold at home this morning as it was with us I dont think there was many May Baskets hanging on the doors. This day commenced with light breezes from the S West at 12 M it had increased to a double Reefed Top sail breeze. At 2 P M took in the Fore & Mizzen Top sails & jib. At 4 P M Close reefed the Main Top sail, & furled the Fore sail, & made the usual preparations for a gale, it blowing hard and looking as though it might blow harder.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. First part of this day light breezes with frequent squalls of snow, latter part clear and pleasant but cold. Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> commenced with light breezes from the Westward, it increased to a gale took in fore Topsail & jib, at 3 P M the Fore Sheet parted the Sail Slat took the jack stay from the lee yard arm and made a cripple of the sail. We laid aloft and saved the fragments. Having the land under our lee 100 miles distant and afraid of a long gale at 5 P M wore ship and stood to the East under Close Reefed Topsails about 11 o'clock at night the Fore Topsail to itself in the 6<sup>th</sup> the gale broke made sail and steered to the ESE by compass.  
Lat 47° 00 North



# Journal

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Clear cold weather with light breezes from the N West. Mended the Fore Sail that was torn in the last gale and bent it. We have got out of the Latitude of Whales Having not seen any but once since leaving the 34<sup>th</sup> degree of Latitude. It appears we are going to try to find them by setting the regular sea watches to night. and carrying all sail, steering S E by E per Compass  
Lat 46° 20' North Long 175° 52' West

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Thick Foggy weather during this day with strong breezes from the N West. The 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> it blew a gale from the Southward. If we have much of this kind of weather we might as well be off some where else (Japan would suit all hands) we are bound to the East as fast as we can go, hoping to find better weather and Whales. No Observations  
Supposed Lat 46° 00' North Long 171° 30' West

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from the S West during the day with frequent squalls of snow. Steering N East per Compass at sun altered our course to N N E saw a fin back the fore part of the day. As the sun went down the breeze died away and looks as though it might be more moderate tomorrow.  
Lat at 12 M 47° 50' North Longitude at 4 P M 163° 12'



# Journal



Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>

This day commenced with strong breezes from the Southward, it moderated down towards noon and we have had fine pleasant weather. Thursday last at about sun rise, discovered a Whale on the starboard ~~quarter~~ quarter about 1 mile distant, the breeze being very light - lowered away three Boats. Struck and killed him took him in tow and got him along side about 11 AM got breakfast and commenced cutting. We had about  $3\frac{1}{4}$  of him cut in the blubber Fogel broke and the rest part of him sunk alongside by this time there was a strong breeze on the ship pitching heavy, the fluke chain parted and that was the last of him furled all sail the breeze being too strong to commenced boiling. While cutting the Ship Garry of 899 Harbour ran down to us Capt Edwards came on board after minutes. He was 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  months out - 40 Bls Sperm. Friday about 10 AM commenced boiling, which occupied until Saturday night. And this day stowed it down 80 Bls.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>. The first part of this day was ~~foggy~~ foggy, towards noon it cleared of and we had fine weather with light breezes from the Southward the rest part of the day.



# Journal

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Continued

At about 1 o'clock P.M. raised whales ahead, on coming up with them found them to be right Whales Our boats being in readiness was lowered away for them, and soon succeeded in getting fast and setting him spouting thin blood, when the Iron drew and he made his escape, headed to leeward the boats in pursuit of him, and soon another boat was hiked on he ran a short distance and brought to, the other boats pulled up one of them fastened the <sup>OW</sup> showing fair play to loose his life but none of them found it. The ~~boat that~~ 2<sup>nd</sup> boat fast cut his line (the reason I decline mentioning) the whale started running, the other line parted and away he went for good, chased him until we were tired and came on board, got supper and shortened sail for the night. There appears to be plenty of whales on the ground Saw a Ship to leeward

~~and~~ Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Clear cold weather with strong breezes from the S West At half past 1 P.M. raised whales ahead, they were bound to windward, too quick for us Saw one Ship the fore part of the day

Lat 50° 00' N Long 159° 40' West



Journal  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Thick cloudy weather with strong breezes from the South West. Nothing worthy of note secured this day until past 4 P.M. when we raised a Whale to leeward one quarter of a mile distant, lowered away three boats and gave chase they were going quick to windward after pulling about  $3\frac{1}{4}$  of an hour gave him up and came on board, got supper and took in sail for the night. There appears to be plenty of Whales on the ground but the weather is very cold, rugged and disagreeable. We are in hopes it will be better before long. No Observations

Friday & Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

These two days we have had most all kinds of weather, such as clear and cold, squalls of rain and sleet some foggy with strong breezes from about every point of the compass. At about 5 o'clock 25<sup>th</sup> yesterday raised a whale off our starboard run for him and when within a proper distance lowered away three boats in pursuit of him, but he caught sight of us and set sail to windward chased him until about 8 P.M. and came on board got breakfast, soon after dinner he raised another four points off the weather bow, made all sail and after making several boards brought him



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24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Continued

of the weather beam about a mile distant, lowered away and soon came up with him two of the boats went up to him and started their irons but by some reason or rather did not get fast, so here was another frightened whale to chase. Chased him until we were tired and came on board and found it was supper time

The 25<sup>th</sup> This morning discovered whales to windward, about 4 miles distant, about 9 AM raised another off our lee quarter, The Ship was immediately headed for him, and when within half a mile of him lowered away our boats, and had the good luck to strike and kill him, and the very bad luck of sinking him. It is nothing uncommon for Wright Whales to sink after killing them, but I expect it will very common with us, so as to help us along with our usual hard luck. At 4 PM raised a whale and chased him met with no success. Lat 50° 31' North Long 15° 4' 25' West

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from the S.W. during the day. First part squally latter part clear and very cold. Saw three whales to windward, but owing to the ruggedness of the weather passed them unmolested. At 1 PM took in the fore & Mizzen Top sails & jib



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# Journal



June 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

Thick fog with light breezes from the Eastward during the day. On Monday last at about 1 P.M. raised a whale, lowered away three boats and was soon fast to him. The whale sounded heavy and worked to windward. Before we killed him he got about 2 miles to windward of the ship. We then took him in tow for the ship and got him along side a few minutes before sundown it being too late to commence cutting. Made him fast for the night. Tuesday morning commenced cutting which occupied until 12 M. got dinner and set the try works agoing. Finished boiling Thursday at about 5 P.M. and stowed a part of it down. Friday made a finish of it. Stowed 108 blbs in casks besides a number of large ribs. While cutting this whale saw a ship in pursuit of whales to wind in the afternoon saw her to leeward. She met with no success at sea down she shortened sail a quarter of a mile distant under our lee. Have seen her several times since.



Journal  
Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1824

Fine weather and calm during the day. Saw nothing worthy of note. Our Latitude at 12 M was 61° 50' North Long at 4 P M 156° 55' West. Whales are very scarce on this ground they have got to be more ~~numerous~~ numerous than we have seen them as yet to fill the Ship this season.



Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Light breezes and foggy during this day. On the 4<sup>th</sup> at about 5 AM discovered a Right Whale off our weather bow made sail and at 7 o'clock came up with him, lowered away our boats struck and killed him took him along side at half past 10 got ready for cutting, eat our dinners and struck, finished cutting set the try works a going, cleared up decks got suppers and the watch went below. Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> commenced stowing down and finished boiling about 7 AM, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Finished stowing down about 2 PM, And was clearing up the decks when we raised a Whale ahead and soon came up with him, lowered away our boats but met with no success.



Journal  
Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> Continued 1844

On the morning of taking the last whale saw a Bark to leeward Whaling she was lucky as well as ourselves getting one, saw her Wensoley boiling in the afternoon lost the run of her in a fog.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> First part of the day it was a thick fog, about half past 9 AM it cleared up, hauled the mast heads and soon afterwards discovered a dead Whale ahead about 3 miles distant. On coming up with him found he was bust and the bone gone. Lowered down a boat and cut an iron out of him marked Ship S. B. It was a N. B. person made iron took the boat up and kept on our course, at 12 by 12 breezes from the Northward foggy again about 2 PM it cleared up again and discovered a sail off our weather bow. Exchanged signals with her she ran for us and at about 5 PM spoke the Ship Estacade Capt Weeks of N. B. has taken 3 whales this season, she has had hard luck getting boats stove. She <sup>has spoken</sup> a number of Ships on the ground with 3 and 4 whales each.



Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Journal  
Fine we

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Wensday 12<sup>th</sup>

First, part, of this

Backs not the right kind of fish

kept the Ship on her course. ~~at~~ <sup>the</sup> Horn  
pass,



# Journal

Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> Continued

At about 12 M raised a Wright Whale 2 miles distant right ahead got within a proper distance lowered our boats, and after pulling about an hour got fast to him, was fast about five minutes when the line parted and that was the last of him came on board and went on looking for another one. At 4 PM we discovered him lowered for him. After lowering we saw him twice from the boats he turned to windward and they lost the run of him from the ship so that the last of him came on board, got supper and raised two more ahead about a mile distant run the ship into their mouths and lowered the boats they went to windward, thus ends this day.

Lat 52° 50' North Long 107° 00' W.

Thursday

~~Wednesday~~ 13<sup>th</sup> Fine weather for the ground with light breezes from the W. S. W. We lowered our boats four different times this day in pursuit of Whales and met with no success. Nine times we lowered our boats and got nothing if this is not hard luck I don't know there appears to be plenty of Whales on the ground.



# Journal

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

1844

Foggy during the day with gentle breezes from the westward nothing doing on board all hands very busy getting a nap sleeping and eating is the way we pass off the foggy weather Reading passes the time very agreeable but our stock of books are rather old having not exchanged any since leaving port



Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> The first part of this day foggy weather and calm. About 9 AM heard whales spouting could not see them for fog. It cleared up a few minutes and we saw them. After dinner it cleared up and we got the boats ready and lowered the whales about half a mile off, got fast to one and killed him took him along side cut his head lips & throat and knocked off for the night

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Finished cutting early this morning and set the try works a-going. This forenoon raised whales lowered but met with no success



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Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Continued About 2 P.M. lowered our boats again and struck a whale. he was a cunning fellow he sounded heavy and when he came up ~~and~~ as soon as ~~the~~ boat got any where <sup>by</sup> him he would go down he worked us thus way until about sun down when being about 5 miles to windward of the Ship cut the line and let him go with about 250 fathoms of line and 2 iron one this in sight of us

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> First part of the day was foggy after dinner it cleared up and whales in sight lowered for them and no success in about 2 hours raised more and lowered again done nothing came to the Ship in about half an hour lowered again and got fast was fast a few minutes when the iron <sup>broke</sup> ~~then~~ and the whale went to windward a good days work

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Foggy by spells during the day with breezes from the E & S lowered this forenoon got fast was fast about 2 hours and the iron broke and that was the last of him we have whale in sight of any time we look for them when it is clear Lat 53° 01' Long not obs



# Journal

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

1844

Raining during the day. This morning commenced breaking out and starting down oil. Made a finish of it about 3 P.M. Stowed down 95 Bbls. Then to the main hatch and broke for a cask of shock heads, we done it in a fashion and to the satisfaction of our commander in chief Peleg Stetson. Plenty of whales all around but owing to the thickness of the weather did not molest them. This afternoon saw a ship half a mile to seaward lower her boats strike and kill a whale. Took him along side and commence cutting.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather for the ground. About 9 A.M. raised whales came up with them. Lowered our boats for them. There was a cow and calf as the boats lay waiting for them to come up the calf came up under one of the boats and they struck him. He made off to windward and his mother side of him they towed us about four miles to windward of the ship when the line parted and we had nothing to do but come to the ship. After dinner lowered again did not get fast about 4 P.M. saw a whale to windward and a ship boring one to the north cutting Lat 63 03 N Long 147 00 West.



Journal  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 1844

This morning was calm  
saw a whale astern about one mile distant  
lowered our boats but never saw him after  
lowering, came on board got breakfast. A light  
breeze sprung up and we stood to the N E  
About 9 AM raised 2 whales to leeward  
run for them and when within proper  
distance lowered away 3 boats in pursuit  
of them. We soon was fast to one of them  
another boat pulled to get fast, but he was  
no sooner fast than ~~the~~ boat was stove  
capsized & hurting the boat heeler and  
one of the crew considerable. The other boat  
was handy by took in the crew picked up  
the oars what was not broke got the boat  
on her bottom and started for the ship, a  
thick fog setting in took in the stoven boat  
and kept the ship a back not knowing where  
to go for the fast boat. In about half an hour  
it cleared a little braced forward stood in  
the direction when the boat was seen last  
there was a ship half a mile from us run  
to her spoke she proved to be the ship  
Phocion of N B Capt Butler 9 months  
out 200 Whales. Our boat along side of  
her Mr West had killed both the  
whales but did not dare to stay by them



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For fear of getting lost in the fog, Mr West came on board we made several boards during the afternoon but could not find them foggy by spells which made it bad seeing. This is the way we loose them before and after we kill them about 5 P.M. Capt Butler came on board and spent the evening.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Bright and early raised a whale and was after him but could not catch him came on board got breakfast saw 3 more together it shut in foggy which prevented our lowering they came within a ship's length of us were very large whales it continued foggy during the day.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Clear weather with a strong breeze from the S S E Saw four whales before dinner but owing to the ruggedness of the weather did not lower for them Capt very busy mending the boat.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Foggy until 4 P.M. with a light breeze from the Southward. A few minutes past four raised a whale half mile distant lowered 2 boats but met with no success. Saw another 3 miles distant.



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Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the Southward, at about 5 AM raised a whale and lowered for him but met with no success. At about 2 PM raised 2 more and met with no better success only a longer pull. If we had got fast perhaps they would have gone off spouting clear like half we have struck. We have done nobly this season so far been fast to 16 whales and brought 4 to the ship 2 of them sunk which was hard luck. Our luck has been hard the voyage through and it is all we expect. The Stoven boat is partly finished and put up over head. Our folks that was hurt are convalescent plenty of whales on the ground and none coming to the ship.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> This day lowered our boats four times. the fourth time succeeded in getting fast and soon set his chimney on fire. gave him a few more lances and thought he would soon die. he kept working to windward, he sounded and we thought he <sup>was</sup> going to die under water and sink so the line was cut. In a few minutes he came up to windward & off in a hurry.



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we pulled about 2 miles and struck him again gave him a few more lances which soon killed him the ship came down and we made him fast to her it was about eight o'clock as soon as we got fast it commenced raining and rained hard the best part of the night - wet jackets enough this day

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> All hands was mustered out bright and early and commenced cutting finished about 11 AM got dinner and set the works a going It rained about an hour this morning and cleared of had spells of fog during the day saw a whale but owing to the thickness of the weather did not lower the boat.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Good weather for the coast saw a ship to windward this morning saw plenty of whales this afternoon lowered twice and done nothing Our whale is a fat one bids fair to make 150 Bbls



Journal  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with light breezes from the South and Westward This morning discovered Whales four points off our lee bow before coming up with they worked to windward of us and a going very quick did not lower for them At about 11 AM lowered for one but he perceived us and set sail to windward At 3 PM raised them to leeward again lowered away, done nothing but set him a going to windward came on board, saw more to leeward run for them but lost the run of him Three Ships in sight to day all chasing Whales

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Gentle breezes from the South with spells of fog during the day Early this morning all hands was called and commenced breaking out to stow down which has kept all of ~~us~~ us on the move during the day We got the oil all down but the trash is left for to morrow The Whale has stowed the most of any yet 134 Bbls This has not been a very agreeable job for the Sabbath but there is a little regard paid it on board this ship Nothing seen during the day



# Journal

Monday July 1<sup>st</sup>

Gentle breezes from the Southward during the day. All hands were mustered up this morning to finish yesterday's work, in a thick fog with rain about 6 AM it cleared raised a whale 3 points of our lee bow the next time he came up directly ahead lowered away the boats and pulled about five miles to windward but could not get nye then came on board and went about our work, as soon as we got about it came up foggy and continued so during the rest part of the day. Finished work at 4 PM

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Gentle breezes from the South during the day, From 9 to 12 o'clock was foggy rest part clear about 1 PM raised a Ship ahead and a few minutes afterwards discovered a whale 3 points of our lee a short distance off, lowered away three boats and soon was along side of him and an Iron in his side but before there was any strain on the line the iron broke and away went the whale came on board saw the other ship running off we soon perceived what she was after saw her lower down her boats



## Journal

Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> Continued

We ran across her stern and spoke her she proved to be the Ship Manicar of St Port Capt Shearman thirty two months out with nine hundred sperm five hundred Whale Our Capt went on board a few minutes we saw her boat go along side of a whale and miss him fair play Capt Shearman a few days previous spoke the Ship Nassau with 700 this season he also reports the Ship Sharon of F Haven with one whale the Ship South America with seventeen hundred this season a number of other Ships with five to seven hundred Supposed Lat 53° 50' N Long at 2 PM 147° 13' West

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Strong breezes from the South and Eastward during the day Thick foggy and raining hard until 4 PM at about 3 PM there was 2 large whales come within three Ships length of us but owing to the thickness of the weather could not lower for them When it cleared of discovered a whale ahead made sail but he was bound to windward did not lower for him Saw a Ship astern at sundown took in sail headed to the South



# Journal



Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Cove

The fore part of the day was foggy. About half past 10<sup>th</sup> Spotted a French Ship belonging to Havarre. At 12<sup>th</sup> it cleared up raised Whales off our lee beam about 4 miles distant run for them and when within a proper distance lowered our boats, and soon succeeded in getting fast and killing him. Took him along side and commenced cutting out in his lips throat & head and made all secure for the night.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Calm foggy morning finished cutting before breakfast got breakfast and set the try works a going. About 10<sup>th</sup> it cleared up raised Whales to leeward lowered our boats and struck and got the boat stove but not so much but what they hung to the whale. The fog rose again and we lost sight of the ship the iron drew from the whale. We then took the stoven boat in tow and pull in the direction we last saw the ship and saw her through the fog. Took up the boats blew up the Fore & main Topails there having sprung up a strong breeze from the West.



# Journal

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Continued

At about 2 PM spoke the ship Edward of Hudson Foggy the rest part of the day and the breeze increasing at sun down it blowed a gale from the SW

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Blowing heavy during the day plenty of water about decks part of the time making the work very disagreeable No look out kept to rough for fishing

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> It moderated during the last night but a strong breeze still continuing finished boiling at 11 AM This afternoon stowed all but about 20 Bbls

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the Westward during the day finished stowing down this morning The whale stowed 106 Bbls better than nothing for our fourth of July struggle After getting the oil down commenced scraping and drying bone The Capt mending the boat stoben on the 6<sup>th</sup> She is already for action again About 3 PM saw a whale off our weather beam 4 miles distant She soon went out of sight to the S West



# Journal

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with light breezes from the Westward until 11 AM when a thick fog came on which lasted till about 6 PM when the mast heads were made. Saw a Ship to the West of us boiling another to the North so far off to perceive what she was doing. We have seen no Whales this day something new when we have any kind of seeing weather for this some time.

N. Lat to day Long at 10 PM 140 45 West

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Light breezes from the Eastward and fine weather during the day. Nothing worthy of note occurred until 5 PM when we spoke the Ship Triad of Greenport. Capt Chase eleven months out to do Whale oil has taken 1200 this season her boats had been fast to day, iron crew and lost him. Saw 2 Ships to leeward one of them boiling. We saw no Whales Lat 54 54 Long 140 00 West

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Clear weather with strong breezes from the Eastward. This morning early lowered down struck and killed a whale and to continue our good luck he ~~same~~ have been in pursuit 3 times since met with no success. Six Ships in sight and saw one only with a whale.



# Journal

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with light breezes from the Eastward, until 12 M. when it came up foggy and continued so during the rest part of the day. This morning at about 4 o'clock raised a whale of our 2 miles distant made sail and came up with him lowered away pulled off a short distance lay waiting for him to make his appearance which he soon did a boats length from us spouted once settled and went under us and came up to windward of us frightened enough came on board got our breakfast and by this time there was more whales off our lee beam half a mile distant lowered away for them, pulled about 3 hours for these and 2 other pods of whales that came along but met with no success. There is plenty of whales on the ground if they were not so plenty and more tame it would be better for us but ifs are always in the way. As the fog was setting in saw a whale half a mile off board to windward at about 3 PM there was a whale came up close to us but could not attack them owing to the fog at 6 PM shortened sail headed to the South.



# Journal



Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

Light breezes from the Eastward and foggy until about 1 PM when it cleared up a few minutes and there was whales in sight in every direction and the fog rising again it lighted up again and a whale sailing round the ship first on one side and then on the other. We down boats for him but could not touch him pulled off half a mile for another one and very soon was fast to him. He ran about a mile to windward of the and brought to the other boats pulled up and soon set his chimney on fire at the same time the fog set in and we lost sight of the ship.

The whale died quick and we took him in tow pulled in the direction we last saw the ship but had pulled but a few minutes before we heard a gun in a few minutes heard another then another and another and in few minutes raised the ship much more than we expected to night we thought of sleeping out to night. Took the whale along side got things ready for cutting.

got our suppers and turned in ready for an early call a pretty fair day's work for a foggy one.



# Journal

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

Light breezes from the — Eastward finished cutting at 1 P.M. set the works a going. Spells of fog the fore part of the day. Whales in sight in every direction during the day. Have not been in pursuit of none. Saw 2 ships boiling.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Gentle breezes from the South and Eastward. The fore part was foggy except about an hour. Saw whales to windward at 12 M it cleared up raised a whale to leeward. Lowered but met with no success about 3 P.M. raised more to leeward they were a going quick to windward did not lower for them. At 4 P.M. it ~~was~~ shut in foggy and continued so during the rest part of the day. Saw 2 ships some distance off.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Clear weather with breezes from the Westward. We have lowered our boat five times in pursuit of whales and met with no better success ~~than~~ the second time lowering <sup>then</sup> of getting fast and having the line to part and losing the whale.



# Journal

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Foggy wet weather the fore part of the day strong breezes from the Westward latter part clear finished boiling about 1 o'clock this morning At 11 Am commencing stowing down shall make a finish of it — tomorrow Plenty of Whales in sight whenever you look from the deck, Our Command does not feel whalish we have a few Bbls of oil on deck

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Breezes from the Westward finished stowing this morning stowed 124 Bbls. We hove to three times this day for whales and done nothing as usual At 2 PM spoke the Ship Eagle of Fair Haven Capt Perry 13 months out eight whales this season Trawling the rest part of the day About 4 o'clock saw whales going quick to windward

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> This morning it commenced blowing and raining at 11 PM close reefed the main Top-sail lashed the boats and made the usual preparations for a gale at 12 M it ceased raining and continued heavy from the South Sun down and the wind still continues to blow



Journal  
Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> Blowed hard —  
during the last night at daylight it began  
die away and at 10 AM we had fine weather  
and a smooth sea with a light breeze from  
the Southward during the rest part  
of the day. Saw three Ships and 4 Whales

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> This morning early all hands  
was mustered out to lower away the boats having  
whales under our lee (half a mile) distant  
they perceived us and went to windward  
About 10 AM it set in thick and rainy  
with strong breezes from the South East —  
At 11 AM pulled up the Fore & Mizzen Top  
sails & fib. About 3 PM saw Whales close to  
us plenty of Fin Backs around Saw two Ships  
to day

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Clear weather  
with breezes from the South West this  
forenoon saw a whale to windward to far  
distant to lower for This afternoon raised  
them to leeward three times and lowered  
for them done nothing but drive them off  
nothing like experienced Whalers men and  
a persevering Captain on this coast  
Lat 55° 01' N



# Journal

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Fine weather with light breezes from the South West. We have had more sun shine the last 2 days than for two months before. This morning at break of day discovered whales to leeward made sail run for them and soon after raised a dead one to windward. Made several boards and run along past him but he had been killed so long stood along looking for the live ones again and soon raised them up again down boats and as we usually do nothing lowered twice afterwards and done the same the last time lowering after we gave up the chase came to the ship the took us in tow and run off about 3 miles to some new ones we gave them a try but it is no use they are so wild for us came on board got supper took in sail for the night. This ends to day Long 146.11

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the South West. This morning saw Whales to windward breeching soon after raised one to leeward lowered met with no success About 5 PM lowered again done nothing. The whales are very shy few ships in sight



# Journal



Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> This commenced with fine weather and light breezes from the Southward At 2 PM it commenced blowing and raining and by 6 PM it blew a gale of wind, lowered our boats 3 times, the last time was lucky enough to get fast and kill him took him along side about 2 PM cut his lips & throat in, then owing to the ruggedness of the weather was obliged to quit made all fast solid got supper and turned in All hands very well satisfied at that. rain hard and rain out before morning

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> The rain ceased during the night but the gale still continues it has blowed hard during day from the Southward and a very rugged sea running At about 6 PM saw whales to windward and leeward

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Light breezes from the South West with clear until 10 AM when it set in foggy and still continues Saturday at 11 AM got dinner and finished cutting the wood having plied away but left a heavy swell running let his head go finished boiling this morning about 8 AM have seen whales two day in the time no chance to get them



# Journal

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

This morning commenced breaking out and starting down oil and at 11 Am blockeel off the lower hole which is now full, the remainder was stowed between decks made a finish of it about 4 Pm have had a thick fog during the day with breezes from the Westward. 11 Bbls

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Foggy during the day breezes from the Westward it rained hard from 9 Am until about 3 Pm commenced this morning setting up pipe shocks after the rain was over made a finish of it

Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> Breezes from the Southward The fog held on until this morning about 6 o'clock when it cleared off and we about 3 hours good seeing and it set in foggy again, had short spell of clear weather this afternoon saw two ships to the windward but no whales

We have got to the Eastward of our cruising ground are carrying all sail to fetch it again

Lat 54° 07' Long 144° 34' West



Journal  
Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Light breezes from the North West. Clear weather the most part of the day. This morning at 4 o'clock all hands was called out to lower away the boats having whales close aboard of us lowered away but owing to the fog coming on came on board. At 4 PM raised another ahead soon came up with him we gave him a *big* (an expression of our Capt when about to lower away for a whale) but met with no success came on board got supper shortened sail for the night 5 Ships in sight at night.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> First part of the day light breezes from the North West with clear weather. At about 10 AM it hauled to the South West. At 5 PM it set in foggy. We have lowered twice to day for whales. The first ~~time~~ time before breakfast done nothing. The second time got one iron slightly in to a whale, took out some from the iron came out and that was the last of him 5 Ships in sight during the day one of them sailing.



# Journal

Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

Light breezes from the Southward with clear weather enough to lower twice for whales and do nothing at about 1 P.M. it set in thick and rainy and continued the rest part of the day at 4 P.M. a ship passed under our lee she was boiling nothing more to day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Light breezes from the North during the day about 10 A.M. it set in foggy cleared of about 4 P.M. about an hour before it came on thick raised a whale lowered for him met with no success he had craft in his sides with line attached to it after it cleared up saw a ship to windward and plenty of Hump & Fin Backs The Wright whales are getting to be scarce

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

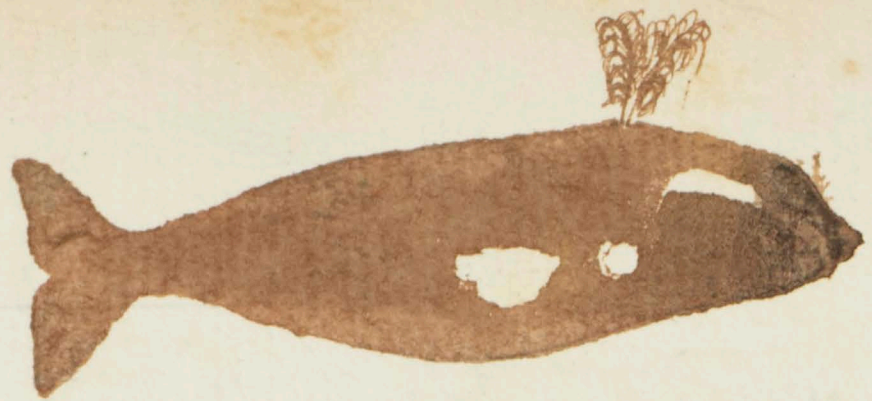
Fine weather with light breezes from the Northward we have lowered twice for whales during the day but met with no success

Lat 54° 07' North



Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

# Journal



Gentle breezes from every point of the compass with a thick fog until about half past one PM when it cleared off a whale was discovered a mile distant. lowered two boats chased about an hour and a half and gave him up, he was like the most part of them. coming for us. about 4 PM it came on foggy again saw two whales besides the one chased. One ship in sight

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the Northward. during the day. This morning discovered a whale to leeward headed the ship for him and when within half a mile of him lowered our boats and soon was fast to him after two hours struggle we murdered him took him to the ship and commenced cutting. finished at 3 PM and set the works a going. lowered our boats about 4 PM for a whale but done nothing. Saw a ship after whales they got none

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Breezes from the North with foggy squalls the latter part of the day lowered once met with no success saw two ships after whales they got none while in sight of us



# Journal

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

Strong breezes from the Westward during the day Finished boiling at 12 M At about 11<sup>PM</sup> spoke the Bark Noble of New Suffolk she was bound to the E N E with all sail set

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from the westward commenced stowing this morning and finished about 4 PM Stowed 127 Bbls — Whales seen twice during the day but owing to the ruggedness of the weather did not ~~lower~~

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Light breezes from the South<sup>ward</sup> until about 4 PM when it died out calm soon after it began to rain we lowered our boats for a while 3 points off the weather bow one mile distant and a going quick. How very persevering some folks are at times we have no oil on deck today. Chased whales once before and after the rain fit done nothing plenty of whales on the ground?



# Journal

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>...

Fine weather with light breezes from the South West. We have seen plenty of Whales during the day lowered our boats & twice met with no success. Chased a number with the ship until they were most out of sight and gave up the chase.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Light, light very light breeze from the N East foggy the fore part of the day, at 12<sup>th</sup> lowered for a Whale - but done nothing came on board, made the mast heads and soon discovered a whale one quarter of a mile distant coming quick for the ship dropped a boat in the water ready for him he came along close by the ship the boat pulled up to him and struck him lowered the other two boats and commenced fighting him he was a lumber fellow and it took some time to kill him after being fast about 4 hours ~~and~~ killed him and he sunk. More good luck for us it was raining the most part of the battle between the rain and salt water we got fairly wet came on board & the main brace got supper and turned in nothing like good whale men.



# Journal

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

Light-breezes from the North East and raining until 5 PM when the breeze freshened and put the ship under short sail as there is a heavy swell running and every appearance of a gale. No Mast-heads to day nothing seen

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>. A fine sun shining day ~~clear~~ ~~the day~~ what we seldom experience on this ground and more than we expected last night. The first part of the day light-breezes from the N.E. about 1 PM it hauled to the Southward. We have lowered twice for whales the second time lowering succeeded in getting one iron slightly in to a whale but before there was a chance to get the second one in the first one drew and the whale went off, hard seems to be luck. The whales are very shy he was a large fellow but he is gone. We have not seen any Ships for a number of days perhaps they are all full and home bound its time we were anyhow

Lat 53° 12' N Long 148° 49' W



# Journal

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

The last two days light breezes from the South & South West - and foggy the most part of the time, nothing worthy of note has occurred except speaking the Ship Henry of Sag Harbour Capt Brown 13 months out with nineteen hundred of whale oil & fifteen hundred this season. No whales in sight - these two days. To day saw the Henry to windward chasing whales she got nothing yesterday our Lat was  $52^{\circ} 8'$  North Long by Lunar Observation at half past 3 PM  $150^{\circ} 20'$  West

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Strong breezes from the South West and clear weather. At about eight AM discovered a whale three points of our lee ~~hauled~~ the ship was headed for him and when within a quarter of a mile of the fish lowered two boats but met with no success. Saw the Henrys boats fast to a whale he got clear from them probably sounded - out their line. At 4 PM she passed under our lee when about a quarter of a mile astern of us lowered their boat the whale then being off our weather quarter 2 miles distant - the last we saw of her she had not got him.



# Journal

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Strong breezes from the South West during the day and foggy the most part of the time. No whales seen. Saw the Ship Henry she did not get her whale. At 11 AM squared the yards and steered N E by N per compass at sun down shortened sail. Subject to head to the North <sup>ward</sup>

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the Westward. At about 3 PM it died almost calm and commenced raining. About 8 AM raised a whale directly ahead made all sail and soon was within a mile of him, and lowered away three boats but met with no success, have seen several different whales this afternoon but owing to the lightness of the breeze could not get near enough to lower for them they were going quick to windward. One sail in sight.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

Strong breezes from the N E and rainy during the day saw whales spouting probably some of them were right whales too rugged to lower boats.



# Journal

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

It has blowed a gale during this day from the Northward At 4 PM set the Mizzen Gaffail close reefed & fore-sail — Two ships in sight. This forenoon saw Whales to leeward they spouted well forwight Whales

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with light breezes from the NW until about 6 PM when it hauled to the SW It is the finest day we have had this season and have seen no wright whales but plenty of fin Backs Saw a ship to the leeward cutting a whale at about 4 PM saw another to the Westward boiling

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Clear weather with strong breezes from the Westward We had a rainy night last night after so fine a day as yesterday was nothing worthy of note — occurred to day until 6 PM when Wright were discovered off our lee a mile and a half distant. They were of no trouble to us it being so late in the day Saw a ship to windward boiling probably the one seen cutting yesterday

Lat 52 5/8 N



# Journal

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

A gale of wind during the day from the South West with some rain Yesterday at about nine AM Spoke the Ship Edward of Hudson Capt Dagget 45 months out with 17 hundred and 800 of it sperm she was boiling her last whale as soon as she finishes she will put away for home being full After speaking the Edward we steered to the North and soon discovered another ship run for her and at 4 PM spoke she proved to be the Ship Falcon Capt Richmond of N Bedford 13 months out with 1400 of Whale Oil Capt R came on board while he was on board it came on to blow we hoisted his boat up and ~~left~~ him on board until to night when it moderated a little and he went on board his own ship

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Strong breezes from the Westward during the day Whales seen twice but they are going quick to the windward plenty of Gunback on the ground two ships in sight



Journal  
Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup>



1844

Clear weather with strong breezes from the westward. Nothing worthy of note occurred until about 1 P.M. when whales was discovered off our lee the ship was headed for them and when within proper distance lowered away three boats and two struck, one of the whales was soon killed and the other run in about 4 hours and the line parted and that was all about it. It is now that we see the need of our third mate who was discharged some ten months ago after our line parted we started for the ship which was 6 or 8 miles from us got on board a few minutes before sun down and found the whale killed along side made all ~~my~~ ~~same~~ for the night got supper and are now ready to turn in.

Foot paper

Long

pen to



# Journal

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

A smart breeze and heavy swell running. Worked all this forenoon upon our whale and got one lip & throat in and was obliged to quit at that the way that — the old ropes and blubber hooks shaped was no body's business but the Captains. We are in hopes of better weather tomorrow.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fine clear weather with a strong breeze from the Westward. This morning commenced cutting again and made a finish of it about 1 P.M. and commenced boiling.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>. Fine weather with light breezes from the North & West. We finished boiling at 11 o'clock Thursday night yesterday commenced stowing down and completed today he is the largest whale we have captured as yet 150 Bl. Stowed. While boiling this whale we had rugged weather yesterday we saw plenty of whales — lowered our boats once but met with no success. At about 5 P.M. spoke the ship Richmond Capt. Shallow of Cold Spring 9 months with 2300 hundred Bl. whale oil.



# Journal

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Light breezes from the S W  
with spells of fog during the day yesterday  
after the oil was stowed wore ship and steered  
S by E per compass we are now making the  
best of our way into port as we have several  
cases of the scurvy, on board at 4 PM bent  
a fore Top sail and set the regular sea watch

Lat  $51^{\circ}40'$  North Long  $146^{\circ}58'$  West

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Fresh breezes from the South West  
with clear weather during the middle and  
morning watch double reefed the Topsails  
and have had as much breezes as we could  
smother to Lat  $49^{\circ}59'$  North

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from the S W during  
the day since the last note we have experienced  
most a kinds of weather rain and shine and  
fresh gales from the westward

Lat at 12 M was  $40^{\circ}12'$  North Long at 4 PM  
by Chronometer  $142^{\circ}00'$  West



# Journal

1844

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Fine clear weather and calm until about 4 PM when a light breeze sprung up from the south which is directly ahead for us. Weather bad for the scurvy. We have been employed the last two days drying & bunching some which we completed this afternoon and bent a fore sail

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Fine clear weather with light breezes from the Eastward since the 17<sup>th</sup> it has been southward and very light until this day when it came from the East which is a fair wind for us. At 4 PM set a fore Top Mast Studding Sail. Plenty of jobs about the ship to keep us busy. Course South by West per Comptrol  
Lat 36° 57' North Long 143° 42' West

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Last night at about 11 o'clock the Easterly breeze died away and about daylight this morning it sprung up from the South and still continues with fine clear weather. Busy yesterday making Rattling  
Lat 36° 11' North Long 143° 42' West



Journal  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

This day commenced with strong breezes from the Southward and rainy at 12 M it cleared up and the wind hauled to the North West. Yesterday was fine clear weather with strong breezes from the Southward. We are now going S<sup>W</sup> per compass with a fair wind which we heartily wish may continue. A fair wind makes the people with the scurvy ~~feel~~ feel much better yesterday Rattled the Mizzen rigging

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Since the last note we have had very light breezes from the every point of the compass with very warm weather some part of the time calm. Have seen nothing but porpoises Blackfish &c until this day we saw a sail. We have Rattled our rigging fore and aft and done various other jobs which need doing

Lat 29° 26' N Long not obs



Journal  
Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Since the 29<sup>th</sup> of last month we have had most all kinds of winds ahead & fair strong & light some rain some pleasant weather, one sail sight ahead — steering the same course as ourselves, for the Islands no doubt we plenty of work about the ~~ship~~ ship to keep us busy in our watch on deck —

Our Latitude at 12 M was 26° 50' NORTH Long at 4 P M by Chronometer 146° 54' WEST And now our port of destination bearing S W by W 606 miles distant

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Gentle breezes from the North and Eastward and fine clear weather Nothing worthy of note occurred ~~during~~ during the day. This day at 12 M our Lat was 26° 00' N Longitude at 9 Am 148° 38' WEST by Lunar Observation Now at 4 P M bearing S W by W distance 495 miles Homeward bound with one Fore Top Mast standing sail out and the fore Top Gallient mast on deck driving a fair



# Journal

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 1844

Light <sup>breezes</sup> from the North & Eastward and fine clear weather Nothing worthy of note has occurred except sending down the Mizzen Top sail and re-curing it. Lat at 12 M was  $25^{\circ} 28'$  NORTH Longitude at 10 AM by Lunar Obs  $149^{\circ} 01'$  West

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

Light breezes from the North & Eastward and fine clear weather We have been employed as usual doing and on doing which is a sailors daily toil Lat at 12 M  $24^{\circ} 36'$  NORTH Longitude by Obs  $150^{\circ} 02'$  West <sup>S.W. by S</sup>  
The land 382 miles distant, Steering per compass

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

Fine clear weather with a breeze from the North East which seems more like the trades than any thing we have had yet Nothing seen worthy of note  
Lat  $23^{\circ} 38'$  NORTH Longitude by Chronometer at 4 PM  $151^{\circ} 27'$  West



# Journal

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

Light breezes from the North East during the day, and fine & nothing worthy of note has occurred Latitude at 12 M  $22^{\circ} 36'$  North Longitude by Chronometer at 4 P M  $153^{\circ} 23'$  West The land at 4 o'clock was 175 miles distant

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Light breezes from the North East and fine clear weather nothing seen worthy of ~~mention~~ note Lat at 12 M  $21^{\circ} 56'$  North Long at 4 P M  $154^{\circ} 18'$  West The land at 4 P M 107 miles distant

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Light breezes from the North East and fine clear weather By Observations ~~xxxx~~ at half past 3 P M was 68 miles from the East point of Mowee and 76 miles from the port of Lahina at 6 P M saw the land some disputed it but I call it the land Lat  $21^{\circ} 26'$  North



# Journal

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

We succeeded in getting up to the anchorage this afternoon after anchoring about two miles below and laying one night. We find rising of 40 ships in port all Whalers except one a Boston ship taking a freight of oil and bone for home she will take none of ours we have plenty of room for all we have got.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> It being Sunday to day all hands had liberty to go on shore and spend the day, at sundown all on board again.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> All hands on board during the ~~past week~~ week and very busily employed to work taking on board water and various jobs about our spars and rigging washing ship and getting ready to paint. So all hands on shore again to day. Ship sailing and arriving every day. Today the Congaree sailed for Boston.

Wensday 30<sup>th</sup> Our business being finished our Capt sent orders on board to get under way which was immediately done we continued laying off and on until 5 P.M. when the Capt came on board all sail was made on the ship on our home bound passage which we hope will be a quick one.



# Journal

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Continued

While laying in port there was a number of arrivals among them was the Ship *Hoydaspe* Capt *Post* of New Bedford from the North West she had six men to die with the scurvy and only 3 able to do duty one died 2 days after her arrival making 7 in all had she not spoke a ship a few days before she got in undoubtedly more of her unfortunate crew would have perished

one Barrell of potatoes in time will save a great many ~~lives~~ from perishing with this terrible disorder  
the Scurvy

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>

Clear weather with strong breezes from the North East Lashed our anchors stowed the cables the land in sight during the day at 12 M double reefed the Top Sails



Journal  
Sunday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Fine clear weather with strong N East trades. Nothing worthy of note has occurred since leaving port until this day at about 10 AM when we spoke the Ship *Chiles* Capt Smith of Havre 14 months out with 17 hundred Bbls Whale Oil Bound to New Zealand  
Lat  $15^{\circ}01'$  North

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with strong breezes from the North East still continue. Nothing worthy of note has occurred since the last ~~entry~~ Lat at 12 M  $9^{\circ}12'$  North Long at 4 PM  $154^{\circ}41'$  West from Greenwich

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Light breezes from the Eastward with fine clear weather. Nothing worthy of note has occurred since the last. Course per compass S of East This day sent the Fore Top Gallant yard aloft and set the sail  
Lat  $4^{\circ}22'$  Long  $155^{\circ}04'$  West



# Journal

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with light breezes from the South Eastward Nothing worthy of note has the last 3 days except crossing the line and having one sail in sight this day. Have seen plenty of Black Fish & Porpoises which is nothing unusual in these latitudes. Latitude at 12<sup>th</sup> was 1° 16' South Long by Lunar Obs at 2 P<sup>m</sup> 157° 04' West

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

Fine clear weather with breezes from the Eastward Nothing of any account has occurred since the last Note. We have had a fine run from the Islands so far which hope will continue.  
Lat 5° 10' South

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> During the past week we have had fine weather and breezes until Friday since then it has been calm until today a light wind springing up from the north. Nothing worthy of note has occurred except passing the Island of Misua one of the Societies. Breezes the past week from E N E to North.  
Lat 18° 06' South



Journal  
Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>

During the past week we have had all kinds of winds and from every point of the compass Friday it settled in the South East and has kept increasing so that this day we <sup>were</sup> obliged to furl Top Gallies Sails and double reef top sails Yesterday saw a sail to the windward she disappeared about 4 PM This morning the Island of Kumu was in sight passed about 15 miles to windward of it at 12 M it disappeared the breeze increases and we have every appearance of rugged weather

Lat 22° 27' South Long 152° 18' West  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

We have experienced most all kinds of weather during the past week United Thursday night about 12 o'clock we had strong breezes from East to N East when it set in to rain the wind died away and left us to ~~roll~~ roll and thrash in a tremendous heavy sea However Friday about 10 AM a breeze sprang up from the West since then it has been light and baffling from South to South West Friday our course was altered S E by E per compass to E by S.

Lat 35° 07' South Long 145° 52' West



Journal  
Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup>

The first part of the week  
light breezes from the North & West. Thursday  
afternoon it shifted to the South West with  
some rain since then it has hauled by degrees  
to the West North West and has been light until  
this day it has blown a fresh gale with foggy-  
weather Lat  $41^{\circ}40'$  South Supposed Long  
 $133^{\circ}58'$  West Long Yesterday by Ob  $136^{\circ}40'$   
From this out Look out for daily notes  
Course E S E

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

Our strong breeze continued  
until about 12 o'clock last night when it  
shifted suddenly to the South and Eastward  
which brought us on a bowline heading us  
two points from our course, and to make it  
more agreeable it rained During the morning  
whatch it cleared off and we have had fine  
clear weather otherwise than chilly which is nothing  
more than we expect in these. The breeze has  
died away some since 4 P.M. and looks as though  
we might have a change for the better before  
morning.

Lat  $42^{\circ}28'$  South Long  $131^{\circ}07'$  West



Journal  
Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December

At about 4 o'clock  
this morning a breeze sprung up from the East  
which was about ahead for us. It has kept  
hauling towards the North until we know head  
our course East of E per compass. If it keeps  
hauling we shall have it fair enough for studd-  
ing sails. Cloudy during the day. No Observations.

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> The breeze has kept increasing  
and hauling until it got as far as West N W.  
It blows a smart gale. However it is fair and  
that's all we can wish. Our course altered to  
East by South. In about half an hour after the  
middle watch came on deck last night a  
crash was heard on looking up our Fore Top  
Gallant Mast was gone over the bow. We went  
to work and gathered in the fragments which  
took us the rest of our watch. It's gone and  
we shan't be troubled with another this side  
Boggy weather and no Observations this day.



# Journal

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

During the night the wind <sup>kept</sup> increasing and hauled to the South West In the first watch Doubled the Top Sails During the middle and first part of the morning — Watch it blew a living gale Towards Sun rise it moderated and 4 PM set the Main Top Gallant Sail over Single reefed Top Sails The wind is fair for us and that is all we can ask We have had a clear cold day water knee deep on deck which makes it disagreeable enough

Lat 45° 31 South Long 124° 48 West

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> In the middle watch last night took in the Main Top Gallant Sail — Soon afterwards the ~~main~~ fore Top Sail Sheet parted all hands was called the Sheet mended Top Sails Close reefed which eased the ship greatly it was blowing a perfect gale from S West and the decks knee deep with water At daylight it moderated and at 10 AM set the Main Top Gallant Sail If it keeps on moderating by morning we will be under all sail

Lat 46° 30 South Long 121° 18 West



Journal  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December

The breeze moderated during the night and we have had clear cold weather with light breezes from W & W. The latter part very light probably by morning it will haul to E & West

Lat 47° 34' South Long 117° 59' West

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Light breezes from the West and cloudy weather until about 3 PM when shifted to the Southward and cleared of and was very pleasant but chilly. Latitude not observed Longitude 115° West We have had a fine run during the past ~~week~~ week have made fifteen hundred & seventy miles being four hundred fifty miles more than we have in any one week before this voyage. A good weeks work for a dull ship and for any one 43 <sup>months</sup> to sea. Supposed lat 48° E by South

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Strong breezes from the westward during the day with clear pleasant but cold weather. We this day about 3 PM raised a large sperm whale a short distance from the ship but owing to the strong breeze



# Journal

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Did not make any attempt to capture him At about 5 PM another one of the same kind broke water about three ships length from us and passed so near the ship that we have a Harpoon in his back If we could have seen them in good weather we could have done something for them However we are bound home and no very anxious hearts a fair wind is the article wanted Lat at 12 M  $49^{\circ}13$  South Longitude at 4 PM  $111^{\circ}41$  West If the breeze continues as fair for 12 day as it is we shall be all clear of <sup>that</sup> dreadful point of land Cape Horn it being at 4 PM 1658 miles distant A little incident happened this afternoon between a foreigner and one of the Americans which is worthy of remembrance as our Capt interceded in a very unmanly manner Nothing strange E by South

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

The last twenty four hours has most part of it been thick and foggy with strong breezes from the Westward No Observations E by South



# Journal

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

We experienced a wet disagreeable night last night with a strong breeze from W. S. W. and has continued during the day by spell Lat at 12 m 50° 51' South Longitude at 2 P. M. by chron 104° 51' W. During the afternoon the wind hauled to the S. W. and strengthened. I have not ~~not~~ forgot it is Christmas day although nothing occurred more than usual. Excepting a great quantity of sea ice rolling from the Cape table & by South

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> The breeze during the night hauled to the North at about 9 o'clock this forenoon it died away and at 11 a.m. it came from the S. W. Croaring was obliged to furl all sail to a close reef Main Top Sail and fore sail. From 1 to 3 P. M. it blowed a living gale. We have every appearance of a disagreeable night and cold. Monkey Sackets do your duty little rain to make it more agreeable & by South

No Observations



# Journal

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

The wind died away —  
some in the first last and we set the  
Fore Top sail Close reef it continued in order <sup>acting</sup>  
and at 7 o'clock this morning was under  
all sail with fine clear weather with a  
breeze from S West Course East by South  
Lat  $52^{\circ}47'$  South Long  $99^{\circ}26'$  West

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> The Southerly wind died  
away during the first watch Last night At  
about 3 o'clock this ~~morning~~ morning a breeze  
sprung up from the North and kept increasing  
during the day so that we have now a smart —  
breeze and all sail to it steering E by South <sup>per compass</sup>  
First part over cast latter part thick fog  
No Observations

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> The breeze has died away  
to a light one and has hauled to the  
Eastward heads us four points from our —  
course We are in hopes of a change for the  
better soon Thick fog during the day  
No Observations



Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Journal

Calm this day until —  
about 2 PM when a light breeze sprung up  
from the Northward at about 6 PM it shifted  
to the westward it is very light but we are in  
hopes it will be strong before morning foggy  
during the afternoon

Lat  $55^{\circ}44'$  South Long Not Obs

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Thick and overcast during the  
day with light breezes from the westward No  
Observations It is the last day of the year but  
one day is the same as another with us  
About six days good run would carry us past  
that point of land so long dreaded we have  
very warm weather for the place and have day-  
light the 24 hours around

Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup> 1845  
Strong breezes from  
the West South West Overcast the most  
part of the time the weather is very mild  
as yet no prospects of any ice  
No Lat Long by Chronometer  $88^{\circ}14'$  West



Journal  
Thursday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1845

In the morning whatch  
on deck the hauled to the North and Westward  
with fine clear weather which lasted until 4 PM  
when the breeze died away it clouded up -  
and has every appearance of a change in  
weather At about half past 5 PM a breeze -  
sprung up from the North and looks as though  
it would haul to the Eastward

Latitude at 12 M 57 13 South Longitude  
at 7 Am by Lunar Obs 89 00 West found the  
Chronometer to be 60 miles out of the way

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

The breeze for the these  
three days has been very light varying from N  
to S West - Yesterday it went around the  
compass At 6 PM it settled in the north  
and breezes up Latitude at 12 M 57 20 South  
Longitude by Lunar Observation 79 52 West  
As we draw up to the Cape we expect to fall  
in with ships as it is the time of year  
for them outward bound The weather  
is very fine for for this place



# Journal

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Fine clear weather for these  
to days with strong breezes from the Westward  
We have seen three different Ships since Sunday  
night tried to speak one of them but she was  
to far off and rather late in the day  
Tomorrow if the breeze continues we shall double  
the Cape

Course N.E.  
Lat  $57^{\circ} 58'$  South Long  $71^{\circ} 21'$  West

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> This day commenced with  
fine pleasant weather and fine breezes from  
the Westward This afternoon it hauled to the  
N.W. and heading us one point from  
our course The course being N.E. by N Per Comp<sup>ns</sup>  
Lat at 12 M  $57^{\circ} 13'$  South Longitude at 4 P.M.  
by Chronometer  $67^{\circ} 11'$  West and 10 miles to the  
East of Cape Horn and once more in the  
Atlantic Ocean

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather for the Latitudes  
with fine breezes from N.W. to South West  
We have one ship in sight which appears  
to be homeward bound Bought a Porpoise this  
morning which makes a fresh mess N.E. by N  
Lat not obs Long  $63^{\circ} 31'$  West



# Journal

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

Fine clear weather with strong breezes from the South Westward. The ship that was in sight yesterday has been in company during the day. At about 3 P.M. saw another ship which appeared to be outward bound.  
Lat  $55^{\circ} 18'$  South Long  $56^{\circ} 21'$  West

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> These twenty four hours fine clear weather with strong breezes from the South West until this afternoon when it died away is now nearly calm. Our company keeper keeps by us yet has been about half mile distant during the day. Course  $N E$  by  $E$   
Lat  $53^{\circ} 48'$  South Long  $57^{\circ} 30'$  West

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> First part of these twenty four hours the breeze was pretty much up and down. At about 6 o'clock this morning a light breeze sprang up from the North. At 10 A.M. it hauled to the S West and has kept increasing until we have as much as we can carry all sail to. Our consort keeps by us  $N E$  by  $E$   
Lat  $53^{\circ} 05'$  South Long  $55^{\circ} 49'$  West



Journal  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1845

These twenty four hours squally weather and fresh gales from the Southward in the middle watch last night took us studding sails. Fore & Mizzen Top Gallant sails. Our Company keeper parted last night. He hauled more to the north probably. We still continue our old course N E by E  
Lat 51° 25' South Long 52° 48' West

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday morning we took a strong breeze from the Westward which kept hauling gradually to the South and blowing heavy until this day it died away calm and has the appearance of a change before morning. Our Capt has had a very severe sick turn. The past week he is a little better to day but is very ~~very~~ unwell as yet he looks very miserable. We feel greatly in hopes that he will recover from his illness and return home with us alive and well to the bosom of his family.  
Lat 47° 30' South Long 48° 10' West



# Journal

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

Fine clear weather with light breezes from the northwest. It shifted from the NW to the NW in the middle watch last night and blew a smart breeze for about 4 hours. The Capt has got quite smart again looks much better than he did a few days ago.

Lat 46° 55' South Long Not Observed

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

Yesterday in the morning watch it commenced blowing from the North kept shortning sail as it breezed at breakfast time 7 o'clock mustered all hands close reefed the Main Topsail furlled fore Topsail and hove to under a close Main & Mizzen Top sail & foresail. At 8 AM furlled the Fore sail & Mizzen Topsail the gale having increased and hauled to the South to the Westward. At 9 AM wore ship and headed NW within one point of our course. At 7 PM came on raining and from half past 7 o'clock until half past eight it blowed at intervals of fifteen minutes with indescribable fury. It then began to moderate. At 11 o'clock set the fore Top sail close reefed and foresail.



# Journal

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Continued

Un~~der~~ kept off our course N<sup>o</sup> 8 by North with the wind four points free It has kept moderating until we have all sail set with fine clear weather Busy this afternoon repairing some damage sustained in the gale Lat 46° 11' South Long none

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Gentle breezes from NW to West with fine clear weather Nothing worthy of note has occurred except marring the mast heads The Capt has recovered from his illness and about as usual N<sup>o</sup> 8

Lat 43° 33' South Long 38° 30' West

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Gentle breezes from the NW with fine delightful weather have seen during the day a number of whales some called them Right-Whales some fin backs however we troubled not them Some of our knowing folks called <sup>them</sup> Right-Whales But the Capt I called them fin Backs Now some dropped their lip it put us in mind of the NW after fighting a gentle whale for four hours and could not kill him

Lat 42° 51' South Long 37° 38' West  
N<sup>o</sup> 8



# Journal

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Fine clear weather with light breezes from the Southward. Nothing worthy of note has occurred except repairing the mainsail which was finished at 4 PM and bent again. No Whales in sight. ✓ by C  
Lat 41° 49' South Long Not Observed

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> These twenty four hours has been cloudy with frequent squalls of rain. First part fine breezes from the Southward. Latter part hauled to the East and looks rainy. More sound sense and good judgement displayed by our superiors in the stowage of cargo. ✓ by C  
No Observations

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> These twenty four hours strong breezes from the South and Eastward and pleasant weather. Nothing worthy of note has occurred except striking a Porpoise and saving him which gives us a fresh supper. Hauled up ✓ by C  
at 9 AM Lat at 12 M 38° 08' South Long at 9 M by Chronometer 36° 19' West



# Journal

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 1845

Our South East wind left us last night in the lurch and hauled to the Northward pretty much ahead for us stood on the Northern board until 4 PM then tacked and stood to the Eastward. Nothing has occurred worthy of note.

Lat 34° 37' South Long 33° 21' West

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Fine clear weather with light breezes from the Westward. Nothing worthy of note has occurred. We are now beginning fit our ship for home. Commenced tarring the rigging to day after this is done comes the painting from mast head down.

Lat 33° 25' Long Not Obs



# Journal

Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

These last two days we had fine weather and breezes from the South and westward all hands busy about the ship yesterday a ship bore in sight at sun down she was a quarter of a mile distant - we call her the same ship that was in company with us last she has been in sight during the day - steering the same as we are N E & E

Lat  $30^{\circ} 33'$  South Long  $29^{\circ} 36'$  West

Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1845

Gentle breezes from the South and Eastward with fine clear weather the breeze which we now have got we hope will ~~not~~ prove to be the S East Trade Winds and carry us to the Equinoctial line Our company keeper holds on by us yet the two ships sail very much alike some times one is ahead then again the other

Lat  $27^{\circ} 40'$  South Long  $28^{\circ} 30'$  West



# Journal

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Fine clear weather with light breezes from N East to E N East Our course being North we can lay it part of the time rather better than to have it right ahead It is here that we expected to have the South East trades but we have had none yet Since Wednesday last we have seen one Brig this day passed a large English merchant ship she was steering S West  
Lat 17° 14' South Long 30° 04' West

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Since Sunday we have had smart breezes from the Eastward with fine clear weather Our course has been North until this morning when we kept off North West for Pernambuco in consequence of the ill health of our Capt. He is very low indeed and should not be surprised if he died before we can reach port The land at 4 PM was 139 miles distant

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Let go anchor at 7 AM and commenced painting ship. The Capt. went ashore about 9 AM He some better than he was Thursday



Journal  
Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

After breakfast this morning sent a boat on shore for the Capt. the ship was got under way and lay off & on until 2 P.M. when the Capt came on board and all sail was set to a fine S.E. wind after we got out clear of the land kept off shore. Our Capt is about the same as when he went ashore sets up but very little we are in hopes to carry him home alive and well to the ~~bosom~~ bosom of his family.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Since leaving port we have had fine weather and breezes from the South East last night we had plenty of rain. Wednesday a few minutes before sun down saw 3<sup>rd</sup> Whales lowered our boats met with no success The Capt is gaining ground all well and very anxious to get home.

Lat 1° 07' North Long 38° 40' West



# Journal

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with breezes from the N East nothing worthy of note has occurred since the last The Capt keeps gaining

Lat 7° 20' N Long 44° 31' W

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Since last Thursday we have had fine weather and strong breezes from the North East This day we have one ship in sight to the leeward steering the same course as ourselves N W half North The Capt is well again The Mate has theumatic complaint nobody sorry. 18 or 20 days if nothing befalls us will land us on that land of Liberty & Independence

Lat 12° 54' North Long 48° 30' West

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Fine clear weather with light breezes from the Eastward. Nothing of any account has happened since the last note one sail in sight steering the same as ourselves N West

Lat 19° 04' North Long 54° 47' West



# Journal

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Fine clear weather gentle breezes from the Eastward Nothing worthy of note has occurred since the last until this day spoke the schooner Pleasant of Wilmington 18 days from Philadelphia for Barbadoes  
Lat 21° 06' North Long 57° 01' West

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>

The first part of the last week we had light breezes from every point of the compass and plenty of rain Wednesday night in the first watch at ~~the~~ breezed up from the N East since then we have had strong breezes from NE to East with fine clear weather have passed a number of vessels and have one brig in company this day bound to the North

Lat 31° 30' North Long 65° 58' West



# Journal

Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup>

Strong breezes from the Southward and cloudy weather if the breeze should continue until morning we shall find ourselves to the Gulf Stream and within two days sail of home. At 11 Am it blowed on a fresh gale close reefed the top sails

No Observations

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

In the middle watch of last night the wind shifted suddenly to the North West it died away calm about 11 Am this day at 4 Pm it breezed up from the South West Block Island bearing even or 190 miles distant

Lat 38° 16' North Long 69° 49' West

Thursday 6 First part of this day, thick fog latter part clear breezes from the Eastward Since the last note we have



# Journal

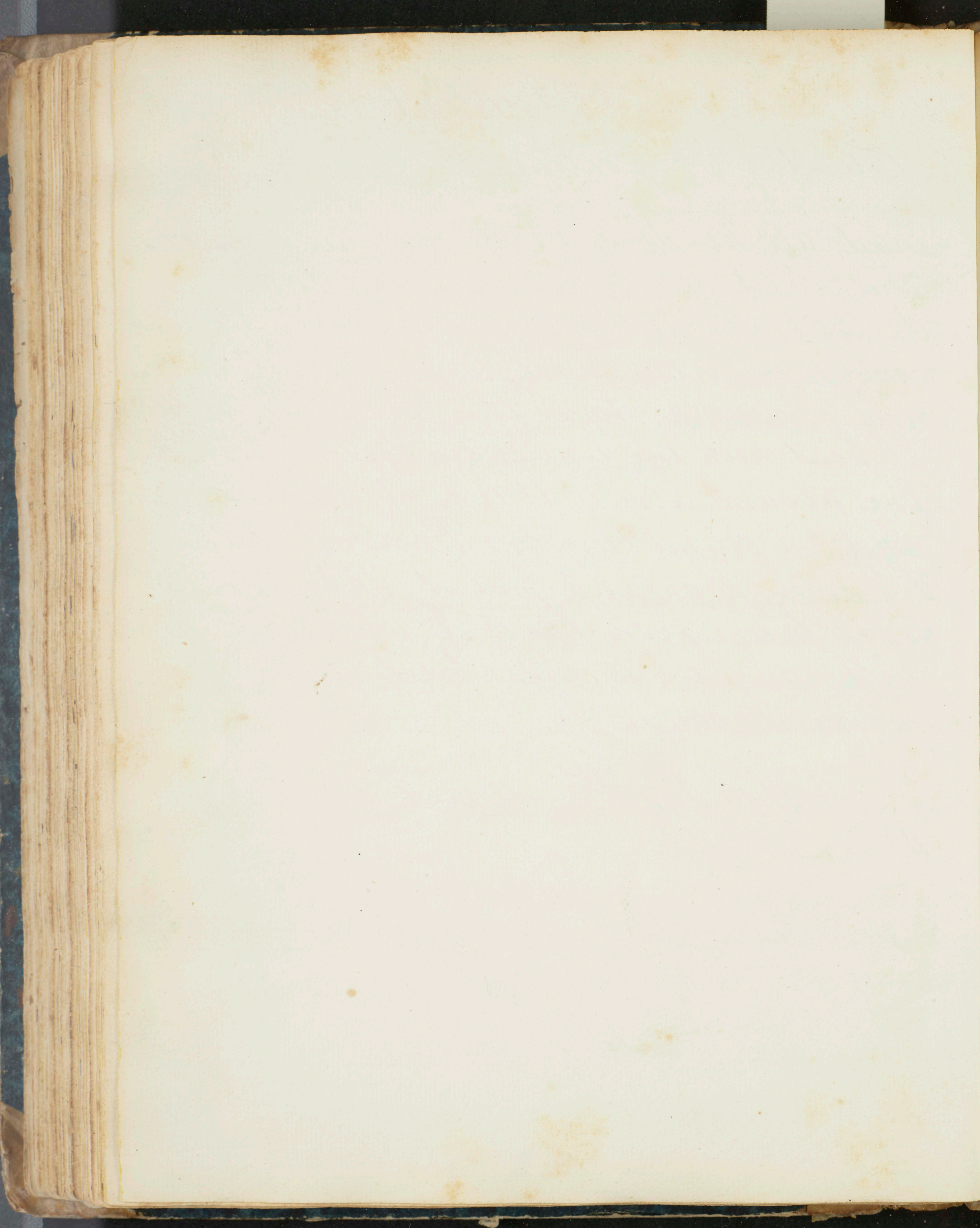
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Continued

Had all kinds of winds one gale from the South West which lasted about 40 hours it was thick did not run however we have worked in to the land while laying in the fog, and snow storm this morning a pilot boat run up under our lee we took one on board about 11 AM it cleared away and we found ourselves about 12 miles S E from Montauk point We have a light breeze from the S E which we hope will carry us to New Bedford by tomorrow noon

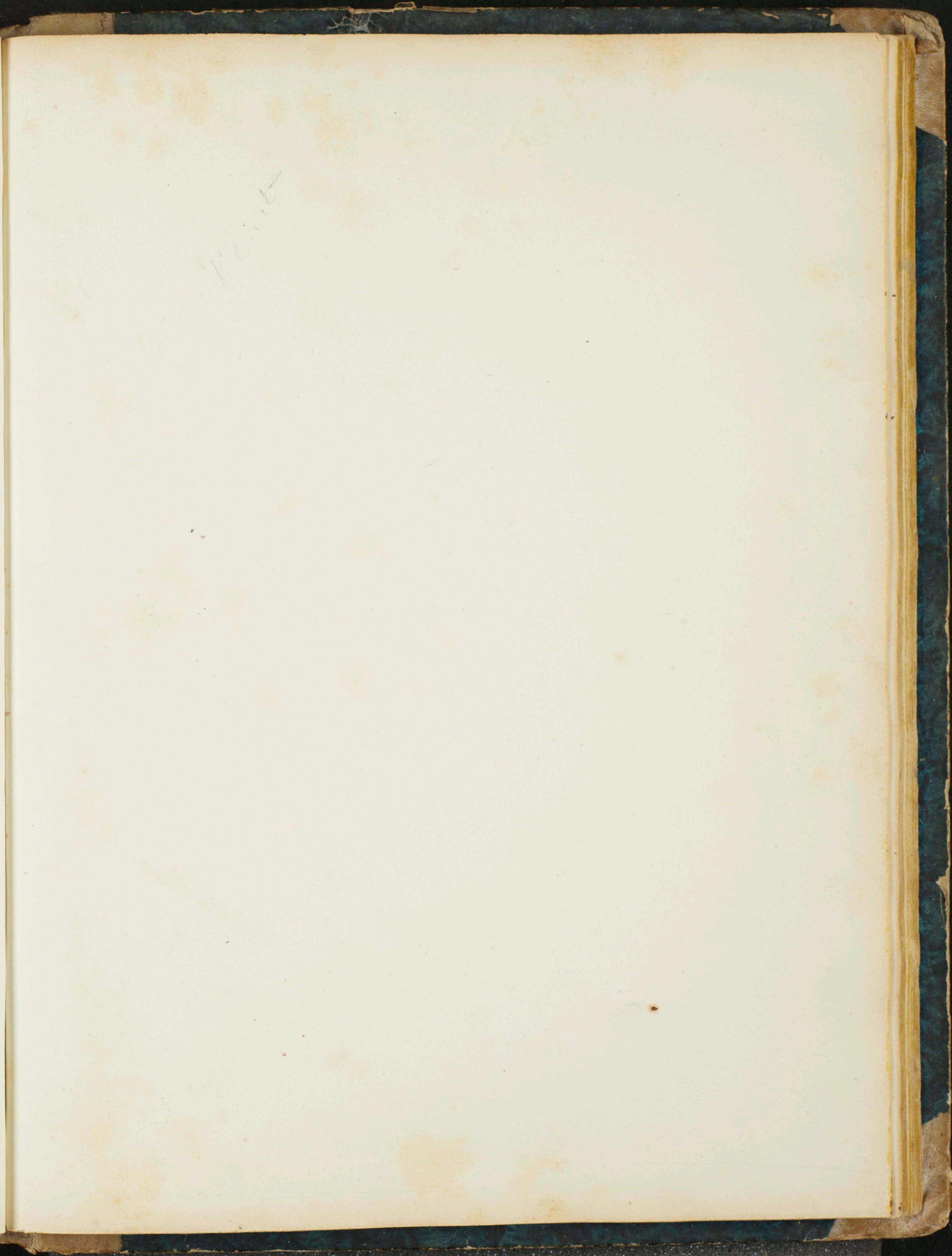
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Arrived about 8 AM  
At the wharf

Turned out 1250 bbls sperm  
& 1200 Whale Oil Voyage 47 months & 10 days  
long











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